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## 75 in UN to Earn \$75,000 U.S. Pleas for Frugality Go Unheeded in Promotions

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 24 (AP)—Seventy-five officials of the United Nations secretariat will be earning more than \$75,000 a year.

Ignoring demands for belt-tightening from the United States, which pays more of the UN costs than any other member, the organization has promoted six assistant secretaries-general to the rank of under secretary-general. The new titles carry raises of \$10,000, making their annual salaries about \$68,000.

In addition, a super under secretary-general will be named in a few weeks to oversee economic programs. His salary: \$68,000. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim gets \$110,000, not including his \$10,000 pension.

The latest reclassifications bring to 75 the number of UN officials making more than \$68,000 a year and to 75 those making more than \$75,000. Among the 75 are nine U.S. citizens—five assistant secretaries-general, three under secretaries-general and one head of a specialized agency.

The highest paid of these is former Rep. Bradford Morse, a Massachusetts Republican, who draws

\$99,350 as administrator of the UN development program.

By contrast, U.S. Cabinet officers make \$60,000. But their stay in government usually is temporary and often is preceded and followed by much more lucrative employment in the business world.

Among the professional politicians, West German Cabinet ministers are the highest paid in the world at \$73,300 a year. France pays its government ministers \$52,250, Sweden \$36,000 and Japan \$53,033.

The United States, which pays 25 per cent of the UN budget, has consistently opposed enlargement of the upper echelons of the UN civil service. Rep. Lester Wolff of New York, a Democratic member of the House Committee on International Relations, has warned that the United States might consider voting against UN budgets unless salaries are kept "in line."

Tyrry Fokine, a minister in charge of financial affairs in the Soviet mission, agrees that UN salaries are unjustifiably high. "These reclassifications do not mean the high officials

have acquired new functions or responsibilities," he said. "They are just promotions for the sake of promotions—higher positions and more money." The Soviet Union is the second biggest UN contributor, paying 13 per cent of the budget.

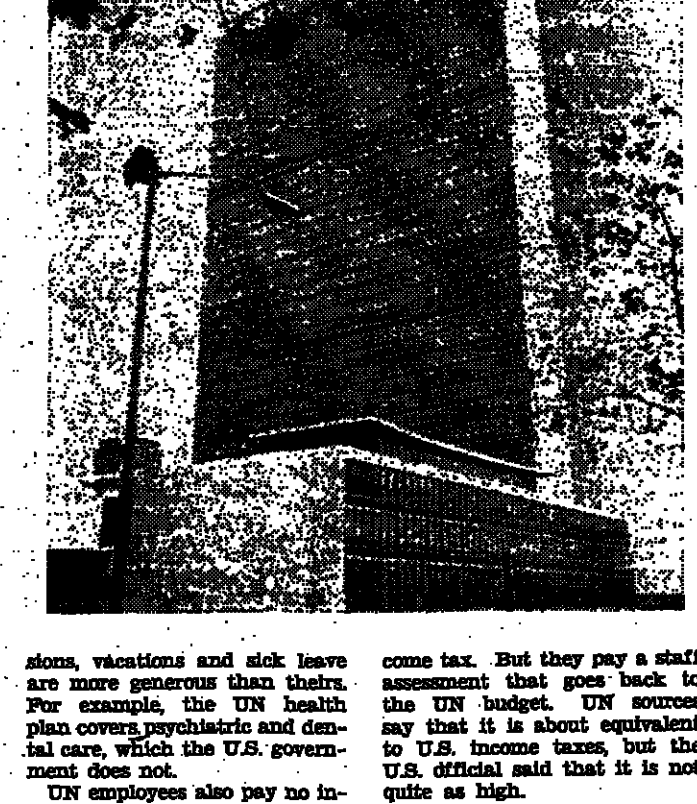
A principle inherited from the League of Nations states that to attract qualified people UN officials should make as much as the highest paid civil servants in the world, meaning those of the United States.

A U.S. official said that while salaries at the middle and lower levels of UN officialdom correspond roughly to the U.S. government scale, those at the upper levels are excessive.

A UN financial expert said that UN salaries only seem high because U.S. salaries have not kept pace. He contended that the U.S. government has put an "arbitrary, unfair" ceiling on salaries of officials because of congressional pressure.

The U.S. official said: "These top jobs offer something money can't buy, whether it's prestige or the opportunity to serve the nation or the world, or both."

U.S. officials say UN health and retirement benefits, pen-



Zbigniew Brzezinski

## Increased Coal-Strike Pressures By Carter

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (AP)—President Carter, intensifying pressure to end the 61-day coal strike, announced the industry's top executives to the White House today and gave them a weekend deadline to report that settlement was near.

The White House meeting was called as optimism was expressed in the administration and Congress that the industry was on the verge of agreeing to terms sought by the striking miners.

President Carter scheduled a nationally televised speech for tonight to outline the steps he plans to take to end the strike. "There is no settlement at this point and the President intends to act," White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said.

Summoned to the White House meeting were executives of U.S. Steel Corp., Continental Oil, Bethlehem Steel Corp., National Steel Co. and Pittston Coal. The oil and steel firms or their coal-mining subsidiaries are major members of the Bituminous Coal Operators Association, the main industry bargaining unit.

Mr. Powell said Mr. Carter had told the industry executives that he would have to take action to end the strike "if a negotiated settlement has not ended it by this weekend." Mr. Carter said the "general welfare of the public demanded that he wait no longer," Mr. Powell said.

It was understood that the agreement apparently shaping up would be a settlement of the coal strike for President Carter to appoint a labor-industry commission to study problems of productivity and labor stability in the coal fields.

The industry had sought contract terms dealing with these points in an attempt to end the crippling winter strikes that have been prevalent in recent years.

Early Movement Seen

"I think, frankly, we will have some idea of what develops from this meeting within a reasonably brief period of time," Mr. Powell said. He later added: "If anything."

After the session, Edgar Speer, chairman of U.S. Steel, the country's sixth largest coal company, said that Mr. Carter had asked for the meeting to "find out where negotiations were."

Asked if a settlement were likely by this weekend, Mr. Speer replied: "I would hope so."

George Stinson, chairman of National Steel, said: "The president asked us to do nothing except to go what we've been doing—which is press for a settlement."

Mr. Stinson said negotiations were continuing.

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## Ethiopians Are Led by A Russian, U.S. Claims

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UPI)—Presidential adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski charged today that a Soviet general is directing some Ethiopian troops fighting Somali insurgents in the Ogaden Desert region.

Mr. Brzezinski said that the Cuban military contingent assisting Ethiopia has risen from 5,000 to 7,000 troops to between 10,000 and 11,000 troops.

Discussing President Carter's forthcoming international trip, the national security adviser said that talks with leaders in Africa will include efforts to end the fighting.

"A Soviet general by the name of Petrov is in direct command of military operations in the Harar combat area," Mr. Brzezinski said. "I think it is important that African countries... show concern for what is clearly a significant foreign intrusion into (a) purely African conflict. The dimensions of that involvement (are) growing," he said.

Role Unclear

At the State Department, spokesman Hodding Carter 3d said that there were about 1,000 Soviet military advisers in Ethiopia, "but the exact nature of their role is not clear."

Mr. Brzezinski said that U.S. intelligence estimates that the Russians have sent 400 tanks and 50 MIG fighters to Africa to assist in the fighting. Asked whether he saw similarities between the situation and U.S. involvement in Vietnam, Mr. Brzezinski said: "That is (a comparison) for others to make... and for the lessons to be drawn."

He said that the United States was "encouraged" by recent Ethiopian assurances that its troops would not cross into Somalia.

"We are not involved in African regional problems and we do not feel that external powers should become involved in them," he said.

The State Department spokesman said that U.S. concern over the Cuban involvement has raised repeatedly with the Havana government and in other places.

Peace Bid Rejected

NAIROBI, Feb. 24 (UPI)—Ethiopia has rejected Somalia's latest call for peace talks to settle the war as a "smokescreen" covering up a "provocation" on Somalia's behalf.

Addis Ababa radio reports, monitored here, quoted a spokesman for Ethiopia's Information Ministry as saying that the call for peace talks could have come only from Somali President Mohammed Siad Barre, "who is known for his record of notorious lies."

The spokesman said that Mr. Siad Barre's reference to peace negotiations, made in Mogadishu on Tuesday, is a "smokescreen" aimed solely at consolidating an influx of troops and arms from NATO countries and reactionary Arab regimes to bolster the dwindling morale of his soldiers.

President Siad Barre said that Somalia favored a negotiated settlement of the conflict based on the principle of self-determination for the 1 million ethnic Somalis who live in the Ogaden. He said that this position did not mean that Somalia was weak.

The spokesman said while Siad Barre's imperialist patrons are shouting that Ethiopia should not cross the border into Somalia, the Mogadishu dictator is saying that there are no international boundaries, the Addis Ababa broadcast said.

President Siad Barre hedged on the question of Somali involvement. At first he denied that Somali regulars were in the Ogaden, then he said that if they were it was an "insignificant number."

Arafat Criticizes Sadat's Position

BEIRUT, Feb. 24 (UPI)—Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat today made his first attack on President Anwar Sadat since the Egyptian leader's recent public criticism of Palestinian guerrillas.

"Sadat is trying to poison the minds of the Egyptians against the Palestinians," Mr. Arafat told a group of guerrilla trainees in Lebanon. "He is attempting to get rid of the Palestinian burden whose abandonment has become a clear U.S.-Israeli demand."

Mr. Arafat said that Mr. Sadat's criticisms of the Palestinians in a speech Tuesday—and similar "controlled" press—were aimed at "misleading the Egyptian people with a view to conclusion of a separate accord with Israel."

## Appeals Fail On Belgrade Talks Report

By David A. Andelman

BELGRADE, Feb. 24 (NYT)—The top-level initiatives undertaken here during the last two weeks to try to salvage a substantive concluding document at the five-month-old conference reviewing the Helsinki accords have collapsed.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev has rejected appeals from Yugoslav President Tito and French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing that would have allowed a detailed consensus to emerge regarding implementation of and compliance with the two-year-old Helsinki declaration that deals with European security, free movement of people and ideas and guarantees of human rights.

Meanwhile, President Carter reportedly refused to intervene directly with Mr. Brezhnev to try to arrange a consensus. Senior U.S. diplomats asserted that such a consensus was not worth "placing the President's credibility on the line."

The conference appears headed for a conclusion late next week without committing the heads of state to any substantive concluding document.

All the Problems

"We would have preferred a concluding document that came to grips with all the problems we've discussed over the past months and pointed the way toward a future strengthening of the Helsinki declaration," a senior Western diplomat said. "But without that, the conference is still not a failure. The months of debate have established the principle that human rights and human contacts have as much a role to play in international diplomacy as military security or economic cooperation."

Clearly, however, Mr. Brezhnev does not agree. In replies to pleas by President Giscard d'Estaing and President Tito, Mr. Brezhnev indicated that he agreed to a substantive concluding document was essential to the Belgrade conference, but refused to agree to "any interference in the internal affairs of any country."

Throughout the sessions of the past months, this phrase has been used by the East European countries to condemn any discussion of human rights by Western or neutral countries.

Most Western diplomats believe that President Brezhnev, under considerable pressure from hard-line elements in the Kremlin leadership, is attempting to defuse, in any way possible, the human rights guarantees of the Helsinki accords.

Since it was the Soviet Union itself that originally called for a conference on European security and cooperation as a means of obtaining final recognition of Europe's postwar boundaries, Mr. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)



Enrique Fuentes Quintana

## Economic Minister Resigns Suarez Shakes Up Spain Cabinet

MADRID, Feb. 24 (UPI)—Premier Adolfo Suarez today accepted the resignation of his economic minister, Vice-Premier Enrique Fuentes Quintana, and launched the first shake-up of the cabinet formed after the June general elections.

An aide to Mr. Suarez said that at least four ministers would be replaced and that Mr. Fuentes's post of economic minister and second vice-premier would disappear.

The Premier and the leaders of his ruling Union of the Democratic Center party met at Moncloa Palace to decide on the changes.

Sources said that Mr. Fuentes resigned because of policy differences with other members of the cabinet and with some conservative sectors of the UDC.

Arturo Moya, UDC electoral campaign secretary, said he could say "in all safety" the new ministers were to be:

Labor: Rafael Calvo Ortega; transports: Salvador Sanchez Tejan; industry: Agustín Rodríguez Sahagún; agriculture: Jaime Lamo de Espinosa.

Political sources said that, faced with Mr. Fuentes's resignation, Mr. Suarez had decided to make his cabinet more uniform and try to win more confidence from business and management.

Mr. Fuentes has been the main architect of Spain's program to salvage its battered economy. Official sources said that the changes, although involving economic-related portfolios, would not greatly alter Mr. Fuentes's programs, which have already been put into effect.

The Madrid newspaper El País said earlier today that the resignation of Mr. Fuentes would mean the failure of the government's economic policy, which is almost the only policy that the government has.

Trip Delay Likely

The seriousness of the situation was underlined when government officials said that the scheduled departure on Tuesday of Mr. Suarez for official visits to Yugoslavia and Poland would be postponed. Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja, however, will make the trip as scheduled.

Mr. Fuentes joined the government in July and immediately set to work on reducing Spain's 25-per-cent annual inflation rate and serious balance-of-payments deficit. He engineered a devaluation of the peseta and an October agreement (the Moncloa Pact) with opposition political parties to limit wage increases in return for political and social reforms.

Meanwhile, two Spanish policemen in the Canary Islands were seriously wounded today in political violence.

On Tenerife Island, a bomb exploded in the hands of a bomb squad member. The policeman was trying to deactivate eight sticks of dynamite that had been placed at the facade of a bank.

In the northern town of Santander, several gunmen opened fire on a policeman, wounding him. Police said evidence in the attack indicated the gunmen were Basque separatists.

## Paris Reshuffles Spy Agency Staff

By Flora Lewis

PARIS, Feb. 24 (NYT)—Infighting and scandals have broken out in France's ultra-secret intelligence agency, provoking calls for a reorganization of the service, possibly along the lines of the recent reforms in the U.S. intelligence community.

It is rare that anything is said in public here about the Service for External Documentation and Counter-Espionage (SDECE)—the French counterpart of the CIA—and evidently the decision to leak word of its internal troubles reflects the crosscurrents of intrigue and competition that are plaguing the service.

Reports in the press spoke of a "purge," an investigation of "inefficiencies" that a responsible source said included the discovery of two Soviet agents in the service—who then committed suicide—and a generally sour atmosphere in its ranks.

The Ministry of Defense, which is responsible for the SDECE, today confirmed that a "reorganization" is taking place in its top staff, but refused any further official comment. Informally, officials said that a half-dozen persons had been replaced and suggested that the fuss was merely due to jealousy among persons who had hoped vainly for the promotions that were passed out.

The published reports have been long on hints, allusions and dark generalities but short on facts about just what is going on in the SDECE and other French intelligence services. But enough has leaked out to show that in many ways the problems parallel those that have been disclosed about the CIA in considerable detail in recent years.

The French service theoretically is supposed to deal—like the CIA—only with foreign affairs.

## Carter to Visit 4 Countries Next Month

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—President Carter will visit Venezuela, Brazil, Nigeria and Liberia during a week-long trip beginning March 28, the White House announced today.

The trip will be the second half of the tour the President began in December, when he visited seven countries. That tour was shortened by the failure of Congress to approve a national emergency program.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, the President's adviser on national security matters, said that Mr. Carter was making the journey as part of efforts to improve cooperation with countries playing increasingly important roles in regional and world affairs.

Other complaints that have emerged about the SDECE in the half-light of unexpected revelations are that it has been very wasteful with its budget (secret), that its directors spent enormous sums decorating sumptuous offices, and that its radio intelligence service showed remarkable gaps, indicating that some agents were deliberately suppressing available information from Communist countries in Eastern Europe.

The radio intelligence technicians, who are represented by the Communist-dominated Confédération Générale du Travail, have complained to their union that a "witch-hunt by officials obsessed with fears of Communist penetration" has been launched within the intelligence service.

There has been no official word on future changes, beyond the staff reshuffle at the top.

## Dollar's Plunge Takes Budgets of U.S. Nationals in W. Germany With It

By Murray Seeger

BONN, Feb. 24—A luxury hotel in the beautiful resort of Baden-Baden sent some of its regular U.S. clients a letter the other day offering to guarantee them a fixed exchange rate for their dollars this year.

The rate would be 2.15 marks to the dollar, with a limit of \$100 a day, the hotel said. That would make the mark worth 46 cents, just a little less than the official rate of exchange.

A few days ago, considering how expensive the hotel is, few Americans could have been interested. Now, with the dollar worth only two marks and the mark therefore worth 50 cents—the offer looks pretty good.

That the dollar has been sliding in value against the deutsche mark several years is not news. It has been going on for so long that it is no longer unusual. But today and yesterday, when the dollar hit new lows of around 2.02 marks, the situation changed dramatically.

Suddenly, those arcane descriptions of floating exchange rates, balance-of-payments deficits, swap arrangements, Eurodollars, and so on, came into focus. Now everyone could understand the problem.

For those who remembered how for years the dollar would buy four marks, the new price was particularly shocking. The dollar has either lost 50 per cent in value or the mark has gained 100 per cent, depending on one's point of view.

Even those who came to Germany less than three years ago were dazed by the development. In January, 1976, for example, the dollar bought 2.8 marks—the mark was worth 38 cents.

Shoppers could convert mark prices to dollars by multiplying by four tenths—in other words, an item marked twenty marks was, in U.S. terms, priced at \$8 and the decision to buy was made on that basis. After the exchange rate started to fall, shoppers continued to use the old rule of thumb long after it had lost arithmetical validity.

Now, with the 2-for-1 rate,

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shoppers merely have to divide by two. Suddenly prices have become atrociously high. The mark tip for checking a coat has become exorbitant. That bigger item that is still marked 20 marks suddenly costs \$10.

Of course, prices have gone up, too. But ordinary inflation, cruel as it is, is different from the loss of value of currency.

A clever shopper can avoid some higher prices in an inflationary economy by comparison buying, using discount stores or changing habits. But a foreigner who must convert money is the victim of economic forces.

In West Germany, almost 500,000 U.S. citizens are caught in various degrees by the fall of the dollar. U.S. military personnel and their families make up the majority. Their recourse is to buy as much as possible at military facilities—the cheap commissaries, exchanges and other U.S.-subsidized services available.

Officers who once urged the troops to get out of the barracks and get to know their host nation and its citizens have changed their tune. They know the GIs cannot afford more than modest entertainment spending now. A U.S. civilian commented on how few incidents are reported these days of conflicts between

U.S. soldiers and German civilians. One theory was that the soldiers cannot afford to leave their bases.

Civilian Impact

There are 40,000 or 50,000 U.S. civilians in Germany. These include businessmen, defense contractors, diplomats, teachers, students and journalists.

Those who have official government connections can find some shelter by buying groceries and other items from the military commissaries. But those without official sanction must face the market played in the domestic German economy. For them, it is more than higher prices. One who borrowed money to buy a car two years ago found that his monthly payments have gone up by 25 per cent.

Another recently got his German income-tax bill for 1976. His U.S. income was valued at the exchange rate in effect in 1976 but his actual tax bill is figured at the current rate of exchange, paying his 1976 taxes this year raised the bill about 25 per cent.

Economics writers emphasize that the fall in the dollar's value will make the price of U.S. exports lower in comparison with competitive foreign goods. Some even say that countries like Germany will now buy more because the dollar is so cheap. But experience has shown that there is a great deal more involved in world trade competition than prices and money rates.

In Germany, for instance, a U.S. automobile now is a real bargain. Sales of U.S. models have risen sharply in the last two years. General Motors Corp. sold about 3,000 U.S.-made cars last year, more than twice the number of 1976.

But because General Motors and Ford Motor Co. are No. 2 and No. 3 in the German auto business, after Volkswagen, it is unlikely they will threaten the immense local investments.

Oil Exchange

Even more startling is the fact that Germany, which must import all of its oil, has a trade surplus with the countries in the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 3)

Swiss Action Gives a Sharp Boost to Dollar

BERN, Feb. 24 (UPI)—Stern measures by the Swiss government to stem the inflow of foreign capital provided a strong boost for the dollar today. The U.S. currency rose sharply against the Swiss franc and most other currencies.

The Swiss reduced the discount rate and extended the negative interest charge on foreigners' bank deposits to all holdings in excess of 5 million francs. Story, P. 7.



## As Parliament Session Nears

Peking Shows a New Candor  
In Discussing Official Affairs

By Jay Mathews

HONG KONG, Feb. 24 (UPI)—China has set the stage for Sunday's opening of the national parliament with a series of disclosures apparently designed to give the new national government an image of candor and stability.

In the last few days the official press has published an unusually detailed discussion of China's criminal justice system, hinting that it was responding to foreign criticism of Peking's human rights policy. The Chinese have also begun to report recent

cases of official corruption, instead of expelling only wrongdoing that occurred before the "Great Leap Forward" faction was purged in late 1976.

Even the act of announcing a week in advance the opening date of the fifth National People's Congress was a drastic departure from the secretive practices of the last 12 years. After the Cultural Revolution began in 1966, factional squabbles before and during important national conferences became so intense that the meetings were not announced until they had been held.

Veiled attacks on "opportunists" in the party leadership published in official newspapers recently suggest that Peking's leaders still have serious problems to work out. The National People's Congress is expected to reveal who is to fill key posts such as state premier and minister of defense, thus giving the clearest indication to date of the power structure of post-Mao China.

New Confidence Indicated

But the larger amounts of information the Chinese have begun to supply now about sensitive topics—although still thin in comparison to what Western governments produce—indicate a new confidence among Chinese leaders. They are not speaking so often in generalities and parables as they did in the last few years of Chairman Mao Tse-tung's life, when they feared that domestic political opponents would use them against them.

The Chinese news agency issued articles Tuesday dealing with treatment of political offenders and convicts at the Peking prison. The prison article gave for the first time the percentage of former convicts who commit new crimes—according to the agency only 12 per cent. It gives other statistics that shed a little light on a very dark corner of Chinese society.

The Chinese illustrated their new sensitivity to foreign criticism of the criminal justice system with a detailed report of the trial process used in convicting a truck thief.

The report appeared, significantly, in the latest edition of China's *Red Star*, a glossy monthly published in several languages and distributed abroad.

Capital Punishment

Also, in a published interview with Prof. Han Yu-tung of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, a Chinese news agency reporter asked: "What about capital punishment which is widely opposed now abroad?"

Prof. Han gave the standard Peking line that only those "who owe blood debts or are guilty of other extremely serious crimes" should be executed, but the fact that the question was asked in such a way indicates that the Chinese have noted foreign criticism of reported executions.

A spokesman for Amnesty International in London said Peking has still not responded to the organization's letters appealing for an end to capital punishment.

The news agency also reported that two party officials in a county near Peking had been dismissed after one bribed, his daughter's way into a college entrance exam and arranged to get answers to her. The Chinese have rarely reported corruption cases in such detail in the past. They seem concerned about the effect of parental pressure on the new national college exams.

Return of Prisoners

An announcement today of the schedule for the National People's Congress indicated that one step in the Chinese system of legal due process—the procuratorship—would be restored in a new constitution to be voted on. The schedule said the congress would fill the office of chief procurator, head of a national system of prosecutors that was abolished after it was accused of suppressing youthful Red Guards during the Cultural Revolution.

Things are going much better than the big party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng was quoted as saying at the second plenary session of the Communist party Central Committee this week. The Central Committee holds such meetings before congress sessions to approve the decisions that the parliament will automatically approve.

China's Communist Party Central Committee, Fifty-five U.S. nationals and their dependants left last October.

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Panchen Lama  
Appears in China  
After 12 Years

PEKING, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—The Panchen Lama, formerly the No. 2 leader in Tibet, has appeared in public after more than 12 years of obscurity.

The Panchen Lama, who was second in the Tibetan hierarchy to the Dalai Lama—now in exile—has turned up as a delegate to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, which opened in Peking today.

After September, 1965, when Tibet became an autonomous region of China, the Panchen Lama disappeared in political disgrace. A newswoman was told in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa last year that the Panchen Lama was studying in Peking.

The Chinese news agency disclosed today that the Panchen Lama, 40, had registered as a delegate to the conference.

Stuttgart Panel  
Says 3 Terrorists  
Died by Suicide

STUTTGART, Feb. 24 (AP)—A state legislative panel yesterday said that the Baader-Meinhof gang terrorists died in a "collective suicide" on Oct. 18 in Stammheim Prison here.

Ending a four-month investigation, the 10-member committee rejected leftist claims that Andreas Baader, Gundrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe were murdered in their cells.

Beader, 34; Raspe, 33, and Ensslin, 37, were found dead in their cells a few hours after West German commandos foiled a hijacking in Somalia enacted to force the release of the terrorists. Baader and Raspe shot themselves in the head and Ensslin hanged herself, the committee found.

The federal prosecutor said that defense attorneys smuggled the pistols past guards to the two men, who were serving life sentences along with Miss Ensslin for a string of 1972 terrorist bombings that killed four U.S. soldiers.

Crucifixion Loses Appeal

PARIS, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—The French Supreme Court Sunday formally rejected Klaus Croissant's appeal against his extradition to West Germany—more than three months after France handed him over to Stuttgart police to face charges of aiding urban guerrillas. Mr. Croissant was allowed to remain in France, however, after lodging the appeal.

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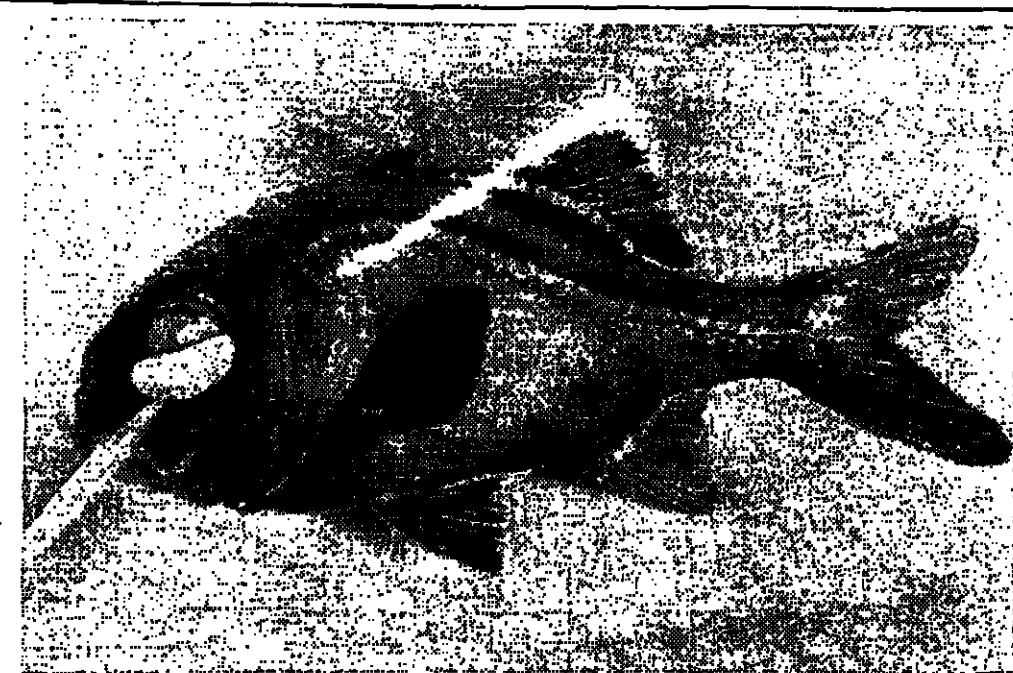
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**FLASHLIGHT FISH**—Ichthyologists at the California Academy of Science in San Francisco recently displayed a new catch, a 5-inch fish that has lights under its eyes. The Kryptophanodon alfredi, called the Atlantic Flashlight Fish, was discovered off the coast of Jamaica in 1971. Only one was seen then. Last month, six of the fish were found off the Grand Cayman Island in the Caribbean and were preserved. Nine more have been captured alive. The fish uses its glowing eyes to attract food, and can turn the lights on and off, the scientists say.

## In Supreme Soviet Speech

## Brezhnev Says U.S. Obstacles Stall Détente

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (AP)—Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev told the presidium of the Supreme Soviet today that the road to further Soviet-U.S. cooperation "is still blocked by a variety of obstacles." These said.

Addressing a regular meeting of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet, Mr. Brezhnev said the obstacles are created by some Americans opposed to détente who are trying to "put the brakes" on improving relations.

Mr. Brezhnev's remarks were made as the presidium approved an invitation to a U.S. congressional delegation to be headed by Sen. Henry Jackson, who has been frequently criticized by

Russians as an opponent of détente.

Sen. Jackson said yesterday that he would accept the invitation.

Mr. Brezhnev said the U.S. Congress and the Supreme Soviet could play an important role in giving U.S.-Soviet relations "a dynamic and more constructive character."

One area in which relations are strained, Mr. Brezhnev said, is strategic arms limitation. "Noticeable progress" in these talks has been slowed by "some people in the United States who now would like to put the brakes on these talks and hamper their successful conclusion," he said.

Mr. Brezhnev said the Soviet Union has repeatedly pressed for a treaty limiting strategic arms, "and we would like to hope that the responsible statesmen in the United States would understand how much is at stake."

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## Zionist Panel Divided

Israeli Aide Says Settlements  
Must Remain to Insure Peace

JERUSALEM, Feb. 24 (AP)—Israel insists on keeping settlements in a 25-mile-wide strip of the Sinai Desert to insure that the area remains demilitarized after it reverts to Egyptian sovereignty, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon said today.

Mr. Sharon, in charge of settlement policy, defended Israel's peace plan before the settlement committee of the Zionist Congress, which has a powerful role in building settlements in occupied Arab territory. He said that only an Israeli presence in the Gaza Strip, from El Arish in the north to Ras Mohammed in the south, would prevent Egyptian violations of a peace treaty that may be reached.

The Israeli plan, which Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has rejected, called for retaining the settlements with an Israeli defense force allowing Jews freedom of movement throughout the zone and a United Nations force to police the peace.

Committee Split

The 100 delegates to the committee appeared to be split over the plan. Many agreed with the U.S. position that Israel's refusal to relinquish the 20 existing settlements could block an Egyptian-Israeli accord.

"The committee will draft resolutions next week that will guide a permanent body headed by Mr. Sharon. Despite vocal opposition, the resolutions were expected to support the government because the voting is weighted along government lines."

Mr. Sharon said that without an Israeli presence along the border, Israel would face a dilemma if the Egyptians violated an agreement.

"In my opinion, we won't be able to do anything about it," said the former general. "To take a nation to war is a decision unlike any other. But if the settlements are there, the dilemma will no longer be Israel's. It will be an Egyptian problem. If they

decide to violate the agreement, they will come into an immediate confrontation with us."

1975 Accord

Mr. Sharon said that Israel was unable to prevent Egyptian violations of the 1975 interim accord. The Israelis claim that Egypt keeps more troops and weapons than allowed in its zone of limited armament.

Mr. Sharon said that public opposition to the plan by Israelis and U.S. Jews was making negotiations more difficult. "There are hard talks and we have to play it cool," he said. "We are destroying the plan with our own hands."

He said that Israel was willing to consider other plans, but that he saw no other solution that would fill its security requirements. The government began reexamining the settlement policy on Monday, under pressure from its Cabinet and the United States to halt new construction. A decision was put off until Sunday. Mr. Sharon is leading the battle in the Cabinet to boost settlements, both in the Sinai and West Bank of the Jordan River.

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## Legislators

## Dressed Down

FORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—Prime Minister Michael Somare told members of the Parliament today that their standard of dress was disgraceful and called for an end to thongs, cowboy shirts and silly-looking skirts.

Mr. Somare said: "I am not saying people should wear coats—this is a hot country—but we are not paying proper respect to Parliament."

Mr. Somare, dressed in his usual formal attire of safari jacket and tailored lap-lap (skirt), added: "I think the standard of dress in this Parliament is disgraceful. People come in with thongs, cowboy shirts and silly-looking lap-laps and bamboos (long cigarette holders)."

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## Replacing Exclusions for Taxpayers Abroad

## Treasury Favors Deduction Plan

By Robert Siner

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UPI).—The administration yesterday unveiled its proposals to revise the taxation of Americans abroad by replacing the current income exclusion with special deductions.

The presentation of the plan, before a House Ways and Means Committee hearing on the entire question of tax treatment of Americans overseas, came only after a last-minute meeting at the White House during which the Office of Management and Budget successfully argued that an alternative income exclusion, which figured prominently in preliminary Treasury proposals, be scrapped from the final bill.

The plan, as put forward by Acting Assistant Secretary Donald Lubick, would completely eliminate Section 911 (foreign-source income) of the tax code and add new language to other sections allowing the following deductions:

• Housing. Excess costs for "reasonable housing" above 20 percent of earned income (base salary plus overtime and bonuses, but

not including allowances for housing, education, cost of living, etc.) would be deductible. The 20-percent figure would represent the reasonable cost of housing in the United States.

The Treasury resisted the idea of setting up a specific ceiling for the housing deduction and Mr. Lubick told the committee that the Treasury believes "it will be sufficient" to leave the "determination of reasonableness" to the audit process.

• Education. Expenses for the education of dependent children in U.S.-type schools from kindergarten through the 12th grade would be deductible up to \$4,000 a child. The allowable expenses would include tuition, books, room and board and two round trips a year between the school and the foreign residence. The transportation deduction but not the tuition deduction would be allowed for college students.

• Home leave. The actual cost of one economy-class round trip every other year for the taxpayer and his dependents between the foreign post and the United States would be deductible.

Other major changes in the tax law proposed by the Treasury would be:

• Increasing the dollar and time limit for overseas moves to \$5,000 and 60 days.

• Broadening of Section 119 of the tax code, which excludes from income meals and lodging provided to an employee on the business premises of the employer. The proposal would expand the definition of what meals and lodging, provided for the convenience of the employer, are deductible.

• Increasing the period during which proceeds from the sale of a principal residence can be reinvested tax free. The 18 or 24-month period would be extended to a maximum of four years for taxpayers who qualify for the new deductions or government workers covered under Section 912.

The Treasury also proposed that, in order to qualify for the deductions, a U.S. citizen would have to be a bona fide resident of a foreign country for 334 days during the taxable year.

In addition, the bill would require the Treasury to report to Congress every two years on the revenue costs and economic effects of the deductions and the exclusions for government workers under Section 912.

In testimony before the Ways and Means panel, Mr. Lubick said that the changes in Section 911 made by the 1976 Tax Reform Act were "unsatisfactory and in some cases unfair."

He supported an "entirely equitable" proposed special deduction for housing, education and home leave and emphasized that the Treasury had attempted to make these deductions as simple as possible so as not to place an undue burden on taxpayers, their employers and the Internal Revenue Service.

However, Mr. Lubick told the panel that a deduction for excess cost of living, an important feature of most other proposals to revise tax treatment of Americans abroad, was strongly opposed by the department.

He said that not only would measurement of this deduction "cause very substantial administrative burdens" and lead to "endless demands for more relief," but also it would be "unfair to taxpayers at home who also face a wide variation in cost of living without tax relief."

Relief Is Urged

In other testimony before the committee, Robert Gantz, director of the engineering and construction industry's Tax Policies Committee, called for more generous treatment of Americans abroad.

He told the panel that it was necessary to provide not only tax relief but some incentive for Americans to accept difficult and dangerous posts abroad, and that without this, U.S. industry would not be able to compete and American workers would return home with disastrous consequences to U.S. trade and payments balances.

Eugene Restor, a director of Tax Equity for Americans Abroad, a citizens' lobby urging changes in the 911 provisions of the Tax Reform Act, noted that Americans abroad pay millions in indirect taxes to foreign governments for which they receive no credit on their U.S. income taxes. He added that Americans overseas often have to pay directly for a variety of municipal services such as fire and police protection that Americans normally receive in the United States, and that Americans are often beset by changing currency rates.

He urged development of "an equitable and just policy for Americans abroad" as serving the broad national interest.



William Webster after swearing in, with Chief Justice Warren Burger and President.

## Agency Seen Recovering From Damaging Disclosures

## Webster Takes Oath of Office for FBI Post

By Ronald J. Ostrow

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Declaring that "the FBI exists to uphold the law," William Webster took the oath yesterday as its third director amid signs that the agency is recovering from a series of damaging disclosures.

Taking the oath from Chief Justice Warren Burger at a ceremony in FBI headquarters at which President Carter was present, Mr. Webster pledged that the bureau "will do the work the American people expect of us in a way the Constitution demands of us—so help us God."

Humor from Mr. Carter, Chief Justice Burger and Attorney General Griffin Bell enlivened the ceremony—in contrast to the scene in Kansas City in 1973 when a beleaguered President Richard Nixon watched as

Clarence Kelley, Mr. Webster's predecessor, took the oath. Mr. Carter, declaring that Mr. Webster's appointment was a matter of bipartisanship, said the new FBI chief is "a Republican, which proves his fallibility."

Mr. Carter said he could think

## Vesco Gets Deadline

## To Leave Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, Feb. 24 (AP).—President-elect Rodrigo Carazo said yesterday that he will deport fugitive U.S. financier Robert Vesco if he does not leave voluntarily by the time Mr. Carazo takes office on May 9.

Mr. Vesco is wanted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the disappearance of \$24 million from a mutual fund he controlled.

## U.K. Psychiatrist Is Challenged For Forbidding Couple to Marry

OXFORD, England, Feb. 24 (AP).—A psychiatrist has stopped a former British Navy officer from being married because he says the officer is far too excitable and his bride-to-be is mentally unfit for marriage.

But the couple said today they have unofficially married each other in the living room of their home. And they are taking legal action to overturn the veto issued by Dr. Seymour Spence, a local psychiatrist.

Under the Marriage Act of 1949, Dr. Spence was able to enter what is called a legal caveat, a kind of mandatory notice barring the marriage until the registrar-general, the top official concerned with marriages in England, has examined the objections.

"Private Ceremony"

"We performed a ceremony ourselves with our hands on the Bible, and as far as we are concerned we are married," Lt. Commander Andy Crookes, 56, said yesterday at the home he shares with Phyllis Hammond, 55, in Coverly Road, Oxford.

Commander Crookes met Mrs. Hammond while they were volunteers at the Warneford Psychiatric Hospital here seven years ago.

Dr. Seymour says I suffer from hypermania and that Mrs. Hammond has a personality disorder," Commander Crookes went on. "I don't know how he can say that when I haven't seen him for about two years."

Hypermania is marked by overwhelming tensions, disorientation, excessive excitement and elation. And, according to Dr. Spence, Mrs. Hammond has a personality problem that prevents her from recognizing the commander's illness.

Mrs. Hammond said that she and the commander are in love. "To say I suffer from a personality problem is a lot of nonsense," she said. Commander Crookes denied he is suffering from hypermania, and said: "My own doctors say there is no reason why we should not marry."

## As Site for Tankers

## Britons Balk at U.S. Attempt to Activate Former Air Base

By William Tuohy

GREENHAM COMMON, England, Feb. 24.—In the dark days of World War II, U.S. B-29 Superfortresses landed here in the aerial armada that carried the war to Hitler's fortress Europe.

U.S. pilots were welcomed then by the local residents, who saw them as the first line of defense of embattled England.

Today, however, Greenham Common in the gentle Berkshire Downs is the focus of a fierce local dispute over proposed reactivation of the air base.

The U.S. Air Force has requested that Greenham Common, now a 10,000-foot jet strip, be used by 15 aerial tankers as a permanent base from which to refuel U.S. aircraft based at other British airfields. All are elements of the NATO defense shield in Western Europe.

The local citizens are sympathetic to NATO's requirements and the need for U.S. air bases in England, but many of them do not want the aircraft in their quiet fields near Watership Down.

Noise Cited

The opposition, which includes the two Conservative party members of Parliament for the area, says that "thriving the base for KC-135 refueling tankers would be a very dangerous aerial operation."

The noise of 7 to 15 takeoffs a day would outweigh the advantages of the dollars spent by the estimated 600 airmen who would be based here, they say, as well as the 250 jobs that would be generated.

"Nobody has anything against the Americans or NATO around here," a resident said. "It boils down to how the presence of the base would affect you."

"If you're a publican or shopkeeper, you would probably welcome the additional business. If you're a housewife whose values might be affected by the noise, you wouldn't want the base reopened. That's just human nature, and that's what the argument is all about."

Property Values

Opponents of the base say that property values would decline by as much as \$2 million because of the noise and the crash potential of a fuel-laden tanker. Proponents say that the airfield would mean an infusion of \$2 million a year into the local economy.

"If this goes ahead," warned one

U.K. Rejects TWA Bid

To Expand Low Rate

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (UPI).—Trans World Airlines said yesterday that the British government has refused to approve its proposed no-reservation reduced fares between Philadelphia and Boston and London.

TWA accordingly postponed the prospective date for inaugurating the rates until April 1 in the hope of persuading the British government to grant approval.

TWA has no reservation service between New York and London and had hoped to offer the service from Chicago, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Los Angeles and San Francisco as well from Philadelphia and Boston.

member of Parliament, Michael McNair-Wilson, "there will be a tremendous disadvantage for the area. These takeoffs will be devastating in a high-population area."

The Ministry of Defense has forwarded the U.S. Air Force application to the government for a decision. But, finding that the issue has become a political issue, the government is not expected to decide quickly.

Greenham Common, about 40 miles west of London, was one of about 100 airfields used by U.S. bombers and fighters during World War II. At peak strength in late 1944 and early 1945, the U.S. 8th and 9th Air Forces in Britain included 380,000 men and 7,400 aircraft.

SAC Opens Some

After World War II, most of the bases were closed. During the Berlin blockade, some of the World War II bases were reopened, and B-30 bombers of the Strategic Air Command were temporarily based in Britain.

Greenham Common, with one of the longest runways in Britain—more than 10,000 feet long—later became the base for B-47 jet bombers of the Strategic Air Command. But when those jets were phased out in 1964, the base reverted to a "standby" field, used intermittently during NATO exercises.

The need for an extra tanker base stems from President Carter's decision last year to increase the number of fighter-bombers in Europe and reduce the time need-

ed to reinforce NATO with aircraft from the United States. The United States is providing about 80 extra combat aircraft.

Increased Range

The tankers also would give the military airlift command's huge C-54s the ability to reach the Middle East from the United States without having to land for fuel.

"We need a new tanker base but German ships are congested now to the point of saturation," said a senior officer. "France has not let NATO aircraft use bases there since De Gaulle pulled out of the integrated NATO command. So Britain is the only answer."

Why did the planners select Greenham Common for reactivation?

Iran Troops Quit Scene of Rioting

TABRIZ, Iran, Feb. 24 (AP).—Troops and tanks were withdrawn from here yesterday and 450 persons were reported detained after last weekend's rioting by political and religious dissidents.

A spokesman for the prosecutor's office said that 60 of those arrested have been indicted and that more arrests are expected.

The riots began in response to a call by religious leader Ayatollah Shariatmadari. He called for a business shutdown and mosque services to mark the 40th day since Islamic demonstrators fought police in the southern city of Qum.

tion rather than a base farther from population centers?

"Basically, it's a question of money," an official said. "Greenham Common has one of the longest jet runways in Europe and many of the needed facilities are already installed. It would cost about \$20 million to bring another possible air base up to the capability of Greenham Common."

Noise a Problem

One of the problems with the KC-135 tanker, the military version of the Boeing 707 that carries 31,000 gallons of fuel, is that it is noisy. "The engines don't have the noise suppressors we have on later models," an officer said.

The British government has been left in an awkward position: British defense planners had welcomed additional U.S. combat aircraft for NATO, yet they are faced with local political opposition to stationing tankers at Greenham Common.

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## Death Sentence Given To Four in Burma

RANGOON, Feb. 24 (UPI).—A court in Burma sentenced four men to death yesterday, three for their involvement in a plot to assassinate President Ne Win and take over the government.

The other was sentenced for Burma for the state of Arakan in the west and join it to neighboring Bangladesh. The men may appeal to the central court within seven days.

## To Reduce Offices From 18 to 3

## Carter Details Rights Plan To Reorganize Enforcement

By Grayson Mitchell

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Carter yesterday described an administration proposal to reorganize federal civil rights enforcement agencies as "the single most important action to improve civil rights in the last decade."

The plan, announced at a White House ceremony, would reduce from 18 to 3 the number of policing offices.

The reorganization plan is the third recommended by President Carter under the special reorganization authority that Congress granted him almost a year ago. It will go into effect automatically unless the House or Senate disapproves it within 60 days.

The proposal would make the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission the principal federal agency for enforcing fair employment laws. The commission was established by the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to enforce bans on discriminatory hiring on the basis of race, sex, religion or national origin.

The 18 different enforcement agencies, including the EEOC, are now scattered throughout the government. They are responsible for policing 40 separate affirmative action requirements that apply to both public and private employers.

"Ineffective Enforcement"

"This fragmentation of authority among a number of federal agencies has meant confusion and ineffective enforcement for employees, regulatory duplication and needless expense for employers," Mr. Carter said in a message to Congress.

The administration proposal is expected to ease some of the tension that exists between Mr. Carter and minority groups, whose spokesmen have complained about how little the President has done to justify their support.

Two recent critiques of the administration's enforcement record—by the U.S. Civil Rights Commission and by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights—have criticized progress in this area as too slow.

Initial reaction to the President's reorganization plan from black civil rights spokesmen, several of whom worked in consultation with the White House and congressional leaders in designing the proposal, was favorable.

Under the proposal, the EEOC, beginning in July, 1979, would coordinate all federal equal employment programs, including enforcement of equal pay and age discrimination in employment laws that are now the responsibility of the Labor Department.

In addition, responsibility for policing affirmative action for federal civil servants would be transferred to the EEOC from the U.S. Civil Service Commission, which the President said had been "ineffective" in pressing compliance.

The choice of the Equal Opportunity Commission as the chief compliance agency is almost sure to stir controversy in Congress. For most of its existence, the commission has been plagued with severe management problems that have resulted in huge backlogs of cases.

The commission's new chairman, Eleanor Holmes Norton, has attempted to improve its performance.

## House of Lords

## Won't Yield on Blasphemy Law

LONDON, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—After a day of heated debate, the House of Lords last night rejected a bill abolishing the offense of blasphemy.

The debate followed a court case last year in which Gay News, a homosexual magazine, was fined £1,000 (\$1,950) for blasphemous libel.

The prosecution—instigated by anti-pornography campaigner Mary Whitehouse—concerned a poem about a centurion's homosexual love for Jesus Christ at the Crucifixion. It was the first prosecution for blasphemous libel since 1921.

The bill considered yesterday would have prevented any further such prosecutions.

The House of Lords rang with cheers when Lord Halebury, 69, who opposed the bill, said, "I've had enough of this libelous society." At one stage, the debate turned into a religious argument about the virtues of loving one's enemies. Eventually Lord Willis, who had proposed the bill, realized the cause was lost, and further discussion was put off for six months.

Rats Delay Tokyo Trains

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—Rats gnawed through a main signal cable and stopped trains on a Tokyo commuter line for an hour yesterday. Railroad officials said that more than 50,000 commuters were affected.

mance by adding personnel and initiating management procedures that officials claim have greatly reduced the backlog and increased efficiency.

An additional 417 employees and \$15.5 million would be shifted to the commission under the reorganization plan.

Enforcement of anti-discrimination hiring laws required of firms doing business with the government would be centralized in the Labor Department's office of federal contract compliance. A transfer of 1,517 employees and \$33.1 million would be involved in the shift.

President Carter said he would institute the contract compliance consolidation by presidential executive order on Oct. 1. Congressional approval is not necessary.

The third enforcement agency would be the Justice Department. The department would retain its present responsibility to bring court action against state and local governments accused of violating fair employment laws.

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## Poll Cites Favor For Mitterrand, Giscard Coalition

PARIS, Feb. 24 (UPI).—A newspaper poll said today that if the left wins next month's parliamentary elections in France, the French would want a coalition of centrist parties supporting President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and the Socialists, but not the Communists.

The poll, taken by the Sofres firm for the newspaper Sud Ouest of Bordeaux, concerned the make-up of the government if the coalition of the Communist and Socialist parties wins a parliamentary majority in elections on March 12 and 19.

Sixty-two per cent of the 1,000 persons polled said they wanted Mr. Giscard d'Estaing to appoint Socialist party leader François Mitterrand as Prime Minister and govern together with him in a coalition.

Twenty-seven per cent of those polled favored new parliamentary elections in case of a conflict between the current President and a leftist-dominated parliament.

Flu Widespread in Japan

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—More than 2 million Japanese schoolchildren and students have influenza, the government announced yesterday.

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## A Prudent U.S. Defense Budget

After a year of elaborate study, managed by Defense Secretary Harold Brown, the Carter administration has projected its view of the nation's future defense needs. In two lengthy public documents—and two secret ones, leaked by critics—it proposes fundamental changes that are stirring heated controversy. We find the proposals, and Mr. Brown's approach, refreshing and reassuring.

The administration acknowledges a 3-to-4-per-cent annual increase in Moscow's defense spending since the 1932 Cuban missile crisis, but avoids the annual budget scare about the Soviet menace. "While there is work ahead of us," Mr. Brown says, "there are no grounds for panic or crash efforts." He seeks a 2 to 3-per-cent annual increase in U.S. defense spending over the next five years. Of the three major areas of Soviet exertion—in strategic, naval and European forces—only the growing threat to Western Europe's NATO forces is seen as requiring a substantial new U.S. response—not because anyone expects an attack, but because a military balance is essential to deter one, to forestall Soviet adventurism and to protect Western Europe from political blackmail.

To focus on the Soviet Army challenge in Europe, a President who graduated from Annapolis and served on nuclear submarines is proposing to downgrade the Navy, to slow down the U.S. buildup of strategic nuclear arms and to shift forces from the Pacific to the Atlantic. A further transfer of resources from less vital military programs is to be sought by reinstituting some of the civilian controls and "cost effectiveness" standards applied by former Defense Secretary McNamara. The Nixon administration saw a return to military log-rolling and unanimous decisions by the Joint Chiefs of Staff that protected vested service interests.

All of this naturally evokes cries of pain from those who are to be pinched. But what is the alternative? The dimension of the NATO effort requires either constraint in other areas or much larger defense budgets than now proposed—\$126 billion in fiscal 1979 and increases to \$140 billion in 1983, in constant dollars. Secretary Brown argues that his program is sufficient. He makes a persuasive case.

The defense secretary sees the Soviet Union coming from behind and "acquiring military power comparable to that of the United States," rather than approaching a decisive superiority, as feared by the Ford administration last year. His prescription for the United States, equally cool, is to maintain "an overall military balance with the Soviet Union no less favorable than the one that now exists." In that balance, Moscow's military edge on the ground in Europe and its approaching parity in strategic arms are to be offset in part by a U.S. edge in naval capabilities and tactical air power. He is reckoning also with Western economic superiority, the Chinese threat at Moscow's back, undependable Soviet satellites in Eastern Europe and dependable U.S. allies in Western Europe.

In the strategic nuclear balance, the defense secretary sees a "standoff or stale-

mate" for the next decade, making a Soviet nuclear attack "the least likely military contingency we face." Neither in a major nuclear exchange, nor in a limited nuclear attack, could either side gain a decisive advantage by striking first, Mr. Brown maintains. The vulnerability of the U.S. Minuteman missile will require it eventually to be replaced or supplemented, whether or not a SALT-2 treaty is concluded. But, pending further study of design and of less expensive and less destabilizing alternatives, development of the big, mobile, \$35-billion MX missile system will not be speeded up.

In Central Europe, however, the Warsaw Pact's 2-to-1 advantage in forces poses risks to the West, Mr. Brown asserts. With 15 to 30 days of warning, duly reinforced NATO forces would have a good chance of stopping the Russians, although farther west in Germany than might be hoped, and holding them for several weeks. But this capability would decline sharply with less warning time. The Soviet Union's ability to launch a short, intense, armored war with little warning has increased substantially in recent years. And in the early days after such an attack, its rates of mobilization and reinforcement from the homeland would be faster than NATO's.

At present, the U.S. five and two-thirds divisions and 23 tactical air squadrons in Europe could be augmented by only one division and 40 squadrons in 10 days. By prepositioning equipment in Europe, the Carter administration aims by 1983 to be able to fly five divisions to Europe in 10 days and 60 air squadrons in seven days. That is to be the centerpiece of the administration's defense policy, along with measures to step up the readiness of all NATO forward forces, to improve their initial combat capability and to build up war reserve stocks for high-intensity combat. The other NATO countries have agreed to seek a 3-per-cent annual increase in military spending to match the U.S. effort and to improve defense against a surprise assault. Once that is achieved, Mr. Brown would turn to measures that would enable NATO to fight conventional battles for at least as long as the Warsaw Pact.

The Navy's main role in this strategy would be not to project air power against the Soviet heartland but to keep open the sea lanes to Europe and to prepare for brushfire wars elsewhere. The Navy is divided on this concept; its carrier admirals are up in arms because it could mean smaller and perhaps fewer aircraft carriers, conventionally rather than nuclear powered and carrying less sophisticated aircraft. But the shift in the Navy's mission is overdue.

A Republican critique proposes to avoid these hard choices by spending an additional \$2 to \$3 billion for more naval and strategic forces. But the Carter budget seems properly balanced against the nation's other needs. Those who would spend more on other forces should be required to propose other cutbacks. Billions are needed for security, but the country cannot afford even one cent for tribute to interservice bicker.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

## The Larnaca Incident

To understand Egypt's current rage at Cyprus, you must first understand the softness Cyprus has long felt for the Palestinians. Cyprus is the lone country that accords the Palestine Liberation Organization full diplomatic status. When the Lebanese war made it impractical for Palestinian guerrillas to train in Lebanon, some switched to Cyprus. They seem to come and go easily. An important segment of the local political community is sympathetic to them.

The Egyptian commando force, arriving at Larnaca airport without clear notice or coordination to hunt the two Palestinians who had just publicly slaughtered an Egyptian editor, surely brought a good part of its grief upon itself. Cyprus had its sovereignty to protect, not to speak of its President, who was in the control tower. But Cyprus airlines had flown in a dozen of PLO leader Yasser Arafat's elite guard from Beirut to help the Cypriot National Guard cope with the emergency, and in the heat of it these PLO men (in multi) joined the guard in repulsing the Egyptian attack on the two terrorists. The attack was a fiasco, and 15 Egyptians died. One does not have to endorse Anwar Sadat's charge that the Cypriot government "colluded" with the PLO to whistle at the cozy way they got along.

There's no proof that either Cyprus or even the PLO sponsored the assassination of the editor or schemed to let the assassins escape. But Egypt's confidence in Cyprus is not likely to be soon restored short of the Cypriot government's consent, so far not forthcoming, to hand over the murderers to Cairo. As long as the Cypriots keep them, and especially if the pair are not promptly tried by procedures showing no tinge of polit-

ical favor, the bad blood suddenly stirred between Cyprus and Egypt will remain. Cyprus, moreover, must address the concerns raised in many other countries by the Larnaca incident.

The more lingering significance of this episode, however, is likely to be found in the resentment raised among Arabs against Palestinians—the more so that the slain editor was widely known in the Arab world for his novels and film scripts. "Egypt is defending the Palestinian cause everywhere while the Palestinians are going to nightclubs and offering themselves for hire as assassins and terrorists," Mr. Sadat declared, expressing what seems to be a popular sentiment in many Arab countries.

It is, in some respects, a bum rap. Some Palestinians may be guilty as charged, but others surely long to be led in a peaceful way to, in Jimmy Carter's nice choice of words, participate in the determination of their own future. These Palestinians—we would guess they constitute a majority, and a largely silent one—must cringe as the terrorist fringe repeatedly tars their image and discredits their cause. Many of them turn to the PLO, but that organization has been cruelly unresponsive; politically and organizationally, it has been unable to conquer its doubts and divisions and to join in the peace-seeking process begun by Mr. Sadat and joined in by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

We hope that the Larnaca incident will help ease the Palestinian movement along the way to the realization that its best prospects lie in moderation—moderation of means as well as ends.

THE WASHINGTON POST.

### In the International Edition

#### Seventy-Five Years Ago

February 25, 1903

NEW YORK—The site for the new post office in New York City has been definitely selected. It will be located in the blocks bounded by Eighth Avenue, 31st and 32nd Streets, and will extend westward 640 feet toward Ninth Avenue. This site is immediately in the rear of the new Pennsylvania railroad terminal at Eighth Avenue. Congress will be called upon to vote an appropriation of \$2 million for the purpose of the site.

#### Fifty Years Ago

February 25, 1928

LONDON—Ping-pong, otherwise known as table tennis, is having a revival in Britain. Some idea of the game's popularity in this country can be had by glancing at statistics which show that there are at present 150 table tennis clubs in London and more than 600 in various parts of England and Wales. Although the majority of players are comparatively young, the game is frequently played by adults. Also, Oxford and Cambridge have special teams.



## Lessons of '48 Prague Coup

By Leopold Unger

BRUSSELS—During his war-time exile in London, while Hitler's troops were occupying his country, Edward Benes, president of the Republic of Czechoslovakia, declared: "I believe that the two systems can live in peace, without hostility and in mutual understanding."

He appeared then to have learned a lesson from the past, particularly from the abandonment of his country by Britain and France, and to have decided to base the security and independence of Czechoslovakia on a protective alliance with the Soviet Union, the dominant power in Eastern Europe.

Thus, very logically did Benes accept that Klement Gottwald, a hardline Stalinist, became the head of a democratic coalition government, which named other Communists to ministerial posts—including that of the Ministry of the Interior. Benes was convinced that the Soviet regime would become more liberal and that, at the same time, Western governments would tend more toward socialism. His country would thus become a bridge between East and West.

### Short Honeymoon

But the postwar honeymoon was a short one. On May 5, 1947, speaking at Harvard University, Secretary of State George Marshall made a proposal "to aid the world to recover its economic health, without which there can be no peace nor stability."

Several countries prepared to accept his offer—including a few Eastern European states. On July 4, 1947, the government of Prague officially declared that it would accept Gen. Marshall's plan. On July 8, the Polish government was about to declare its acceptance when Moscow radio announced that Poland had rejected the offer.

At the same time, a Czech delegation in Moscow was told by Stalin in clear terms: "The Marshall Plan has only one goal: to isolate the Soviet Union. If Czechoslovakia accepts the Marshall Plan, it will, at the same time, put an end to its alliance with the U.S.S.R."

The delegation returned to Prague, where Foreign Minister Jan Masaryk, son of the founder of the republic, announced: "We are no longer anything but vassals."

It was then only a matter of days. Elections were scheduled for May, 1948. As the Communists realized that they would lose, they decided to precipitate events. Here's how they started the avalanche:

• Friday, Feb. 18, 1948—The Communists launched a crisis in the regime. During a Cabinet meeting, the Premier announced that eight non-Communist high police officials had been fired and replaced by members of the Communist party. Sensing the danger, the non-Communist members of the Cabinet insisted that the decision be annulled. The chief of government refused.

• Tuesday, Feb. 17—While the non-Communist parties debated in vain on what steps to take, the Communists decided to "mobilize the nation to defend it against attacks by reactionaries."

• Wednesday, Feb. 18—Benes told the moderate ministers: "Do not let yourselves be intimidated. I, for one, will never give in."

• Thursday, Feb. 18—Valerian Zorin, deputy foreign minister of the Soviet Union, arrived in

Prague with Stalin's approval for a putsch; he assumed control of the coup.

• Friday, Feb. 20—Faced with Mr. Gottwald's refusal to return the police officials to their jobs, the cabinet's 13 non-Communist ministers resigned. The Central Committee of the Communist party declared: "The resigning leaders of non-Communist parties have joined the opposition against the state."

The workers' militia was armed. Each man received 200 cartridges. • Saturday, Feb. 21—Mr. Gottwald announced the formation of a committee to fight against "the enemies of the people." An estimated 45,000 men of the border police, controlled by the Communist minister of the interior, were brought into Prague.

• Sunday, Feb. 22—The federation of labor unions decided to "accelerate the march toward socialism." It set up an executive central committee and voted a one-hour general strike for Tuesday, Feb. 24. In Moscow, Pravda declared its total support of Mr. Gottwald, particularly in the name of Slavic solidarity. An estimated 45,000 men of the border police, controlled by the Communist minister of the interior, were brought into Prague.

• Monday, Feb. 23—Police and action groups occupied the main public buildings, including the radio station. A state of emergency was proclaimed and the headquarters of all non-Communist parties were thoroughly searched. Mr. Gottwald met with Mr. Benes, who said: "This is a coup d'etat, a second Munich."

• Tuesday, Feb. 24—The whole country was paralyzed by the strike. Those who opposed the strike were thrown out of their shops or factories, or arrested. Action groups took over the country.

• Wednesday, Feb. 25—At 10:55 a.m. Benes, Mr. Gottwald, who asked him to approve the list of names of the new cabinet ministers—all Communists or Communist-aligned. Benes demanded a few hours to think things over, but before he could make up his mind, Radio Prague broadcast the names of the new members of government. At 4 p.m. it was all over. Benes said: "I am no longer anything but a vassal."

### Tips Avoid

It was at that moment that the world balance of power changed sides. Democratic Czechoslovakia ceased to exist. The country tipped the scales on the Soviet side. And the bridge that Benes built crumbled into the dust of history. The Soviet Union had, as of then, only vassals in its sons of influence.

Czechoslovakia entered into a long period of deep silence. In 1968, the Prague spring rekindled the memories of 1948 and of a Czechoslovakia that was once free and democratic. But another Prague coup dampened all hope.

Thirty years later, the first coup remained as a stern lesson. It taught that the Soviet Union, within what it considers its security zone, will never run the risk of tolerating any attempt to consolidate Communism and democracy. In 1948 as in 1968, it tolerated the illusion of an East-West bridge only as long as it served the interests of the Kremlin.

The 1948 putsch also brought to light the fact that a Communist coup does not always need the help of the Red Army. There was not a single Soviet soldier in Czechoslovakia in February, 1948. The 1948 Prague coup was a masterpiece of infiltration and not the result of military inter-

vention, as in 1968. What made the success of the 1948 coup was the success of Communist penetration in the government administration, in the police, in the labor unions. It was the activity of a Fifth Column in other political parties, it was the control of the press and the orchestration of a campaign of social agitation and nationalist slogans.

While declaring loud and clear his attachment to a "socialism in Czech colors" and proclaiming the end of the dictatorship of the proletariat, Gottwald had set up and placed throughout the nation a fighting unit, well disciplined and capable of acting in coordination.

In other words, according to the Klement formula when it refers to Western Communist parties: "It is not important to know to what extent the Communists are dependent on Moscow; what is important is to what extent they are Communists."

A further lesson learned from 1948 was that if the Soviet Union was so easily able to swallow up a modern, industrialized, cultivated nation with ancient democratic traditions, it was not only because of the power of the Czech Communists, but above all because of the division, lack of decision, lack of courage and even cowardice of the Czech and Slovak democrats, as well as that of those in the West.

"The Russian bear is capable of everything, as long as he knows that his enemies are capable of nothing," Karl Marx said on July 8, 1853.

In an excellent book, "The Prague Coup," Francois Fejtó wrote, "A study of the technique of the 1948 coup can be of help, not only to those who wish to install a totalitarian Marxist regime, but also to those who seek to defend any hope of social progress linked to democratic liberty."

It's all a question of how to appreciate these lessons.

Mr. Unger is a columnist for the International Herald Tribune.

Ken Ishii

From Tokyo:

It is that time of year again—when the nation brings to an annual climax that process of education known as 'examination hell.'

TOKYO—Among Japan's best-known heroes are the 47 young men who avenged the death of their feudal lord by killing the official who had brought him to disgrace, then collectively took their own lives by the sword. It is the plot of one of Kabuki's most famous plays, "Chushingura."

Ronin were masterless Samurai, and there are more than 100,000 of them in Japan today. Ronin today is the name given to students who failed to pass entrance exams to higher institutions and spend the year cramming until the next round of tests.

It is that time of year again in Japan—February through March—when the nation brings to an annual climax that process of education known as "examination hell."

The process originates in the highly competitive nature of Japanese society in which success or failure is measured in terms of how much one can get ahead of the next fellow. The race begins as early as kindergarten, many of which have entrance exams, too.

### Vicious Competition

Going to the "right" kindergarten makes it easier to win admission to the "right" elementary school, and so on up the ladder to university. The competition is vicious.

Students by students who cannot take the strain are frequent around this time of year. A survey by the Asahi Shimbun Medical College in northern Hokkaido shows a high incidence of stomach ulcers among schoolchildren, especially during the past decade. The doors to higher learning get narrower each year as increasing numbers strive for university degrees. A degree from the "right" university almost assures the graduate of a lifetime job and promotion with an established firm.

Nervous breakdowns among parents are attributed to having to goad their children to study late into the night, and to the anxiety of wondering whether they will make it.

The desperation that descends on the country as students throughout the nation grid for another round of examinations that will determine the course of their entire future careers seems particularly heavy this year.

### Penalized?

There has been little good to report in recent months. Headlines have hammered home U.S. and Common Market demands that Japan curb its exports. And while the government has promised to do its best to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus, many Japanese are wondering by what form of justice they must be penalized for the hard work that brought them economic success.

At Narita, the government is about to open a new international airport (March 30) that almost nobody wants; at least in that inconvenient location. Situated 68 kilometers, or more than two hours, from the capital, the new airport has been the target of continuing demonstrations and violence by local farmers and radical students.

Fears of the always atomic-sensitive Japanese have been heightened by the crash of a Soviet nuclear-powered satellite in Canada. There was a record number of bankruptcies last year, and with the domestic economy still wallowing in the doldrums, the Japanese are getting away their bones—which is hardly helping expand consumption, which the government is desperately trying to encourage.

Even Japanese challengers have

lost 13 consecutive attempts to win world boxing championships. All this will eventually pass. But "examination hell" is more difficult to cure.

In an attempt at long overdue reform, the Ministry of Education will institute a new system from next year by having a unified entrance examination for state and public colleges. But critics point out that it will do nothing to alleviate the intensity of the competition since the ratio of examination-takers to enrollment capacity remains the same. Besides, for many universities, the unified test will be only the first examination to screen the top one-third or so who will be subjected to a second examination round which the universities themselves will prepare.

The latest listings for the major universities show the competition this year is keener than ever. Even at the so-called "easy" universities there are at least 10 applicants for every opening. At the more prestigious institutions the ratio goes as high as 50-1.

Most applicants will be taking entrance tests for more than one school. Many take on four or five schools, and some tackle as well as 10, hoping they will do well enough to gain entrance in at least one.

Everybody agrees there is something very wrong about a system of education that forces a student to cram from childhood to the exclusion of the normal joys of youth.

To help their children do better, parents send them to juku. These are cram schools students attend after regular classes at daytime schools. According to a recent survey by the Premier's Office, close to 60 per cent of all primary school students are sent to juku to prepare for entrance into junior high school, and an equal percentage of junior high school students trek nightly to juku to cram for admission to senior high schools.

Senior high school graduates—students who fail to get into university on their first try—attend juku, which specialize in preparing them for college entrance. And even juku have entrance examinations.

Newspaper editorials deplore the situation. The nationwide daily Yomiuri wrote: "We feel this is outrageous. Examinations are only a yardstick to measure the amount of knowledge that students have crammed into their head. Factors other than scholastic ability—qualities required of a person as a member of human society—are seldom, if ever, measured."

The Mainichi, another national newspaper, went a step further. "Entrance examinations," it warned, "are changing the Japanese national character." And it was hardly suggesting the change would be for the better. Meanwhile, "examination hell" once again moves into full swing. Some will be bright enough, or lucky enough if they've studied the right questions, to make the grade.

The rest will make up still another crop of ronin—masterless, grumbling, sacrificing, on to another battle a year from now.

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DON STROHMEYER, Dubai.

## Letters

### Proxmire Award

The Association of Americans in the Northern United Arab Emirates have voted Senator William Proxmire, D-Wis., to be the recipient of their first "Golden Fleece Award."

Senator Proxmire is known for his "Golden Fleece" awards, and his speech of the year for 1977 went to the U.S. Treasury for trying to help Americans overseas. The senator has been quite critical recently of the tax advantages Americans abroad enjoy, and was responsible for legislation not being passed in 1977 which would have deferred the changes to Section 911 for another year.

The "Golden Fleece Award," a full camel skin, was on display at a tax party given by the Americans in the Northern United Arab Emirates on February 16. At that time, over 350 Americans were present to "autograph" the award, which will now be sent to Sen. Proxmire. In addition, over 800 Valentine cards and letters were written urging postponement of the changes to Section 911 for at least another year to allow Congress to enact a fair tax law for Americans overseas. The Americans in the Northern United Arab Emirates, com-

prising of over 300 Americans resident in the Northern Emirates of Dubai, Sharjah and Ras al Khaimah, was originally formed in March 1977 to combat the foreign income provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976. Since that time, individual members have generated considerable correspondence with members of Congress, always stressing the benefits of a fair

tax law for income earned abroad benefits not only to Americans overseas, but to the entire U.S. economy as well. The Americans in the Northern U.A.E. have also been active supporters of the Asian-Pacific Council of American Chambers of Commerce Section 911 campaign.

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**'TWELVE OAKS' FELL**—The house used as 'Twelve Oaks' in the motion picture 'Gone With the Wind' four decades ago was demolished recently on an old Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer lot in Los Angeles. The lot will become part of a housing development.

### Asks Doubling of Budget

## Italy Judicial Body Seeks Aid To Combat Increase in Crime

ROME, Feb. 24 (UPI)—A high judicial body stepped into the Italian government crisis today, requesting that the next cabinet double the Justice Ministry's budget and strengthen law enforcement against a wave of political and common crime.

"The law enforcement sector has been systematically neglected," the Supreme Judicial Council said in a document to President Giovanni Leone. "Any further wait would make irreversible

the harm that has already been caused." The message by the top disciplinary and policy-making body of the Italian judiciary, of which Mr. Leone is chairman, was delivered on the 39th day since the cabinet of Giulio Andreotti resigned.

Newspaper Office Blasted Today terrorists bombed a newspaper office in Milan, police said in Rome and a gasoline station in Bergamo. There were no injuries in any of the attacks, which were not immediately claimed by any organization.

Police said that a bomb caused extensive damage to the Milan administrative office of Corriere della Sera, Italy's largest newspaper, and to a bank, a bar and a toy shop adjoining it. All were closed at the time of the attack.

The bombing occurred three days after a bomb wrecked the editorial office of the newspaper Il Gazzettino, killing a night watchman. The rightist New Order guerrilla group had claimed responsibility for that attack.

The Judicial Council charged that politicians had disregarded most of its past recommendations, and were leaving law enforcement powerless against rising criminal activity.

The council said that more funds were needed to expand inadequate office space in the Justice Ministry and to hire more clerks. Many trials, it said, are delayed months or years for lack of process servers. The council also requested higher salaries for jurors.

To Ease Clogged Courts The council called for a police reform which would place investigative departments under direct control of the judiciary, and for wider cooperation from banks to prevent laundering of ransom money.

It also said that Italy should appoint the equivalent of peace justices to take some of the work load off the courts and should downgrade a number of minor offenses that clog court schedules.

Tremors in Sicily MESSINA, Sicily, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—A series of light earth tremors shook several towns on the eastern coast of Sicily last night but no one was hurt and there was no damage to buildings, police said.

### ART IN ROME

## Munch Prints Show His Inventiveness

By Edith Schloss

ROME, Feb. 24 (UPI)—The Edward Munch show at the A2 Gallery (29 Via del Babuino) includes 49 prints and one oil, only a fraction of the enormous output of a man who lived from 1863 to 1944.

Munch's greatest gift was to transform psychological torment—that of his own changing times and that of the guilt-ridden Protestant north—into a photographic formula of bold simplicity. His woodcuts, where a few blocks of black offset by open white areas and a few gauged elemental lines with epic power depict human suffering—the struggle of man against nature, woman against nature and her own nature—find his best-known work. In this collection we find many of the most familiar images loaded with dread or sentiment. A group of drenched men in the decade after 1894, which seem the least typical, probably because we have not been so exposed to them, are the most interesting. Though here too turn fear and trembling, the extremely original and rough fast drawing creates small tense worlds—revealing the preoccupations of the times in such titles as "Life and Death," "The Morning After" and "The Dead Lovers," but they also transcend period gloom and moralism, because, so inventively done, they become genuinely universal expressions. The show runs until March 15.

Antonieta Raphael Mafai, D'Onofrio, 17 Via del Vanzaglio, through March.

The life of Raphael could easily be used as a case history for feminism. A painter and sculptor, she was married to her colleague Mario Mafai, and with him and Scipione she was one of the originators of the so-called Roman School, an informal signature movement of the 1920s.

Her paintings of these years, portraits of the people around her and of the city, were of a rare fervor, personal and warm and of a particular imagination. The pigment, flesh, pink, parchment and gold, was applied slowly and busily in heaped densities, adding an incandescent glow to the image. As a sculptor she was different, forsaking engaging detail for rounded leaning archaic presences, sometimes seen as grand fragments, always in completely unconventional poses and a movement which evokes a sense of continuity as if they were followed by hosts of others, a population of mythic Arcadia.

While Mario Mafai, turning to abstraction, became well known, she was left behind in relative obscurity. Toward the end of her life her painting technique became looser, her idiosyncrasies more accentuated, and she entered a world of free fantasy at the age of a young girl, and told fairytales of sirens and mermaids and princesses in black hair in glittering green jungles and mirrored palaces. Although she inspired the male artists around her with her vitality and humane insight, she was treated more as a muse than as an equal and was eventually forgotten. In the present show there are too



Raphael Mafai's "My Mother Blessing Candles."

few of the early oils, but one of a baby in swaddling clothes, like a little fish or a maggot, is typical and memorable. Among the sculptures, a wood carving of Leda and her black swan has the enigmatic pull from the deep of the pagan statue. And the agitated interior and busy forests of the late years, in Byzantine colors, whimsical, childlike and moving, are not easily put from one's mind. This exhibition only whets one's appetite for the main body of Raphael's work. It is time a museum gave her a complete and comprehensive retrospective.

Gianfranco Ferroni, Pante Di Spade, 254 Via Ripetta, through March 20.

Ferroni is one of the few Italian figurative painters not concerned with a direct political statement. He considers studios, rooms and corridors with a steady eye and meticulous brush, or pencil. Gray silvered spaces lead up to a single work table or cabinet like an altar, with a huddle of objects and jars on it, or to a wall with telephone or light meter. Everyday objects

found in everyday corners and positions, dusty, metallic or worn, are made to look as distinct as surgical instruments. The ordinary accoutrements of our civilization are protagonists. There is a sober forlorn poetic quality about Ferroni's work. When he uses a drop of red paint on the blue—blood?—or an overturned chair, with a single sandal-shod foot running away, the drama is gratuitous.

Baldassare Peruzzi, Palazzo Braschi, Piazza Pantheon, through March 15.

The 16th-century architect's villas and palaces near Siena were thought out to the last details of cornices and painted vault. Serene and noble in their refined simplicity, they also fitted perfectly into the austere harmony of the Tuscan landscape. An educational display of photographs of the villas, the gardens and chapels, and the drawings of ground plans, ornaments and animals by the architect make us regard the grace of a more civilized era than ours, and serve as a spur to further study and visits.

### PARIS GALLERIES

André Lwoff, Galerie Aleph, 38 Rue de l'Université, Paris 7, to March 18.

The fact that André Lwoff won the Nobel Prize for Medicine explains two things in this exhibition, the intelligence and sensitivity one cannot fail to notice, and a certain gaucherie that occasionally appears. Lwoff's aesthetic ground is turn-of-the-century nature painting; faunism, yes, but also Duncroft de Segonzan. This does not imply that he obediently follows their traces, but it gives an indication of the mood. The results are attractive and charming, especially among the drawings, watercolors and gouaches. Oil

sometimes invites him to juxtapositions of strong colors that were daring when Matisse was young—and why not, if the painter finds his pleasure there. But the viewer's pleasure is in the greater complexity of the lighter mediums.

James Ensor, The complete engravings, Le Bateau Lavoir, 16-18 Rue de Seine, Paris 6, to April 15.

The 143 engravings show how Ensor, by his imagination and his craft in this medium, belongs to the highest lineage of art in the Low Countries—the lineage of Rembrandt and Brueghel. Landscape, domestic scenes, Christ as symbol of the authentic in man, always surrounded by complacent ugliness and pedantry, such are Ensor's subjects. A rare and precious exhibition.

### Home of Paris' Opéra-Comique To Resume Full-Time Activity

By David Stevens

PARIS, Feb. 24 (UPI)—The Salle Favart, the historic home of the Opéra-Comique, which was recently placed under the control of the Paris Opéra after several seasons of relative disuse, will be restored to full-time activity next season under a program announced today by Rolf Liebermann, administrator of the Opéra.

The program of 14 different spectacles for the 1978-79 season ranges from the traditional Opéra-Comique repertory and ballet programs mounted by the Opéra to contemporary spectacles and "events" staged in co-production with other organizations. Some of the latter works will be commissioned for the occasion. New productions drawn from the traditional repertory will be Gounod's "Le Médecin Malgré Lui," which will open the season Oct. 6, André Messager's "Véronique," Reynaldo Hahn's "The Merchant of Venice," and—in collaboration with the Paris Chamber Orchestra under Jean-Pierre Wallon—François André Philidor's "Tom Jones," which was first given in Paris in 1769 and which dates from the earliest era of opéra comique as a form of musical theater. In addition, there will be revivals of Rossini's "Le Comte Ory" and Massenet's "Werther," already staged or about to be given at the Salle Favart by the Opéra under a current rental agreement.

Three programs will be given in collaboration with the Ensemble InterContemporain, including works to be commissioned from Georges Aperghis and a French composer to be chosen, and works by Harrison Birtwistle, György Ligeti and Peter Maxwell Davies, and a program of works by Maurizio Kagel.

Programs to be given in collaboration with the Ars Nova ensemble under Martin Constant include one combining works by Constant and the first performance of a Vietnamese opera by Nguyen Thien Dao, and an Erik Satie "kermesse" that will encompass the composer's complete works. Pierre Henry will be in charge of a multimedia program entitled "Méta morphoses."

The ballet programs will comprise one of new works by Carolyn Carlson and her research group attached to the Opéra and another including the Nijinska version of Stravinsky's "Les Noces" combined with choreographies by Félix Skasna, Janine Charrat and Violette Verdy.

—MICHAEL GIBSON.

### THEATER IN LONDON

## Breaking the Victorian Code

By John Walker

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UPI)—Simon Gray coolly dissected a particular type of modern man—the isolated, alienated intellectual who uses wit to keep the world at bay—in his last two plays, "Butler" and "Otherwise Engaged."

Now, with "The Rear Column" at the Globe Theatre, he turns successfully to the past, to delineate a no less typical product of its age, the Victorian English gentleman. And, as is Gray's style, he is caught at a moment of crisis.

There are, in fact, four gentlemen (three of them officers as well) in extremis, members of Henry Morton Stanley's expedition in 1886 to relieve Emin Pasha in the Sudan, left behind in the desolate and diseased Congo jungle to await the arrival of 600 porters, promised by an unreliable Arab slave, while Stanley himself, acting out his role of the white man's hero, pushed on without them.

I do not know how accurate to history the play is, but the rear column's ordeal—and it was a long one, for Stanley abandoned them for a year—makes a tense and exciting drama which is impeccably acted by its cast.

Crack Under Pressure Unlike the central characters in Gray's contemporary explorations, his Victorians crack under the pressures of an unexpected situation, are twisted into shocking behavior by the daunting task of trying to maintain their military and social codes in an environment altogether indifferent to their welfare.

There is a tragedy of punctiliousness gone to pieces. The opening scene captures the absurd inflexibility of it all when three newcomers to the expedition face the commanding officer, Major Bartlett, who refuses to hand over the supplies due to them because Stanley left no instructions for him to do so.

Each man, in the deadly boredom of the jungle, with nowhere to go and little food to eat, fearful of attack by natives within the camp and without, each breaks down according to the defects of his character.

Bartlett, convinced that Stanley hates him and will destroy him, is a stickler for rules until his frustrations overwhelm him and he betters to death his native servant. Troup, one of the officers, is a blusterer without the courage to act. Ward, another officer, takes refuge in cynicism and lethargy.

And it is the English gentleman, naturalist, Jameson, whose behavior, verging on the saintly, prevents earlier disintegration, casually announcing that he had bought a young girl from a slave and presented her to the local cannibals so that he could sketch the ritual meal.

This act horrifies Bartlett and the others although they have watched their porters die from diseases without caring and have flogged to death many of the natives, because it is outside their code of conduct.

They are all people living by a set of rules dependent upon abstract principles—honor, duty—that have no bearing on the world they inhabit. Unable or unwilling to alter their strict attitudes, they do the only thing possible—they go mad.



Donald Gee and Clive Francis in "The Rear Column."

The survivor is Bonney, the medical orderly who is neither an officer nor a gentleman. In an ironic epilogue to the play, Stanley, a man who invented his rules as he went along, recognizes in him a kindred spirit and calls him as "the only survivor, in the moral sense."

Gray's achievement is to make these men, who could easily seem ridiculous, believable. The play's manic-depressive rhythms, alternating between scenes of celebration and despair, are beautifully maintained in Harold Pinter's direction so that every scene crackles with tension.

The actors—Barry Foster, Jeremy Irons, Simon Ward, Clive Francis and Donald Gee—present sharp characterization, providing the audience with much to read between the lines of the clipped dialogue. The tragedy of these Victorian misfits, for all its absurdity, attains a moving power.

At the Comedy Theatre, Bob Club, James Saunders' "Bodies" is a conversation piece about art and neurones, self-transcendence and the value of living only in the present that, for all the author's passion and skill, rarely comes theatrically alive.

What Saunders asks, with great intensity, is whether it would be worth living in a world in which we were all quite sane, cured of

our hang-ups. The price we would pay, he suggests, is losing the ability to appreciate or create art, which involves behavior that, by the standards of psychiatry, is sick and obsessional.

The matter is debated by two couples who swapped partners for brief and passionate love affairs 10 years before. Since then, one couple has gone through primal therapy and emerged "cured," at peace with themselves and the world. The other remains unchanged, neurotic and increasingly drunken.

Saunders, a fine playwright, is perceptive on marriage and its difficulties, but the either/or situation he sets up, and the artificiality of the drama defeats him.

At the Haughey Theatre Barry's "Murder Among Friends" is an implausible thriller about a theatrical couple, each trying to kill the other with the aid of a lover, whom, unknowingly, they share.

The dialogue is written in that wisecracking New York idiom that British actors can never master. Although even if the lines were uttered with an authentic rasp, they would still be pretty dumb cracks. I have nothing to say in its favor, except that it is a short play.

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## Swiss Action Boosts Dollar Value

BERN, Feb. 24 (AP-DJ)—Switzerland announced today fresh action to curb the inflow of foreign capital after the dollar and other currencies dropped to historic lows against the Swiss franc.

The Swiss provided the dollar with a much-needed springboard against the major European currencies and the yen in hectic and extremely thin trading.

Against the Swiss franc, the dollar was quoted at 1.34 to 1.36 francs, bid and asked, up from a rate of 1.7935 francs overnight. But dealers cautioned that there was no business being done at

these levels due to the extremely strained conditions.

The U.S. fund surged against the deutsche mark to 2.05 to 2.07 marks, up from 2.0230 marks overnight.

The Swiss government said that effective April 1 the negative interest charge of 40 per cent annually will be extended to all Swiss franc deposits held by alien non-residents and exceeding 5 million francs. Up to now that nearly prohibitive penalty applied only to funds deposited after Oct. 31, 1974, when the franc's spiraling upward movement began.

In a companion move, the National Bank reduced the discount rate, its principal lending rate, by one-half per cent to an all-time low of 1 per cent.

The Lombard rate, for loans secured against collateral, was also lowered from 2 1/2 to 2 per cent.

The National Bank said the rates were cut to help discourage foreign investors. "Because of foreign exchange considerations low interest rates are desirable," it said.

The moves were announced after foreign exchange markets closed a week that had brought the sharpest decline ever of the dollar and all other Western currencies against the Swiss franc in some times of panic trading.

The dollar also rose to 1.7875 Swiss francs, down from 1.7850 yesterday and a spectacular 5-per-cent shrinkage in the dollar's value within one week.

The federal government said in a statement that defenses had to be shored up against a further appreciation of the Swiss franc, which has increased in value by more than 130 per cent against the dollar in the past seven years.

The government announced that the new measures would take effect Feb. 28. The National Bank commented that the discount rate would be lowered to effective Monday but that the extension of the negative interest charge to all non-resident funds would be "applicable" only April 1, 1978. There was no immediate clarification.

Zurich banking sources said the move was bound to spur a short-term recovery of the dollar but they voiced skepticism about its long-range effect as a remedy against further appreciation of the Swiss franc.

They pointed out, however, that this was the first time that Swiss authorities were trying to force an outflow of funds in addition to curbing the inflow.

The total of non-resident deposits in Switzerland was estimated by one source at about 24 billion Swiss francs, or about \$13.4 billion presently.

The dollar also appreciated against several other major currencies. It climbed against the French franc to 4.8150 francs from 4.7825 francs last night and against the guilders to 2.1900 guilders from 2.1715.

Against the yen, it rose 2 pips to 240.00 yen. Sterling, meanwhile, slid to \$1.9285 from \$1.9335 overnight.

## W. Germany Is Top Partner For Trade With Russians

MOSCOW, Feb. 24 (NYT)—West Germany, by having the kind of machinery and know-how the Russians want and by going after the Soviet market aggressively, has become the Soviet Union's biggest Western trading partner. The Germans also draw on a reputation for dependability and craftsmanship, for which Russian leaders since

Catherine the Great have had an almost mystical reverence.

Last year, the two countries' bilateral trade totaled about \$5 billion, and although this is little changed from the previous year, it compares to a 28-per-cent drop in Soviet-U.S. trade during the same period.

There are many reasons why the Germans have an East-West trade boom. In some ways, the Germans, with their formality, their predilection for long ceremonial toasts before business lunches, and their unfriendly approach to business, have much in common with their Soviet partners.

And although this year, for the first time since West German-Soviet trade began booming in the early 1970s, it stopped growing, German businessmen believe it was primarily because Moscow made a deliberate effort to reduce the trade deficit with the West by cutting down on hard-currency imports. It now seems unlikely, they believe, that trade will reach the 20-billion-deutsche-mark level Soviet and West German officials promoted as a goal for 1980.

American businessmen in Moscow often explain the Soviet withdrawal of business from the United States on political grounds. West German businessmen can get government guarantees and subsidies from Bonn on loans for Soviet trade, the Americans say, which they can not get them from Washington because of restrictive legislation by the U.S. Congress.

The Germans do not have the political problem, but "there is absolutely no German government subsidy on credits or rates of interest," says Paul Joachim von Stulpnagel, the West German ambassador's commercial counselor. "The level of commercial rates that apply in Germany apply here," he says.

The German government does, however, insure loans on foreign trade against default.

Some German concerns also attribute the Soviet desire to deal with their companies to the low transport cost and ease of trade through Germany.

The Soviets also respect German quality, dependability and punctual delivery—something that is almost ingrained in Russians who brought tens of thousands of Germans into the country in the 18th and 19th centuries to trade, bank, run hotels and cultivate farms for them.

West German businessmen also fault Americans' inflexibility in contract negotiations, refusing to go back to the drawing board on the terms of an offer and refusing to interpret terms liberally once a deal has been signed.

Still, a natural limit of sorts may have been reached, now that the Soviet Union seems to be having trouble absorbing and putting into operation some of the Western technology it has been in such a rush to buy in recent years.

"Trade has gone about as far as it can for the time being," one West German chemical executive said. "Maybe if there's another visit by (Soviet President) Leonid Brezhnev to Bonn it will get another impulse, but for the moment it's stagnating."

**AEG Turnover Up 6%**

BERLIN, Feb. 24 (AP-DJ)—AEG-Telefunken recorded world group sales of 14.3 billion marks in 1977, up 6 per cent from 14.5 billion marks in 1976, the company said in an interim report. The company said it does not expect to pay a dividend for 1977. The dividend was passed in 1976.

## West German Surplus Cut

WIESBADEN, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—West Germany's trade surplus dropped to 1.90 billion deutsche marks in January from 4.22 billion in December, the federal statistics office said today. Germany had a current-account payments deficit of 200 million DM in January against a surplus of 2.4 billion DM in December, according to provisional Bundesbank figures, the federal statistics office said.

In January, 1977, Germany posted a current-account deficit of 400 million DM with a trade surplus of 1.98 billion DM.

Exports during the month totaled 21.31 billion DM against 25.43 billion DM in December and 19.79 billion DM in January, 1977. Imports were 19.41 billion DM in January against 21.21 billion DM in December and 17.81 billion DM a year earlier.

The fall in the trade surplus represented normal seasonal factors and had no special reasons, statistics office sources said. The January surplus is always smaller than December's as companies make special efforts to complete export orders before the Christmas-New Year break, reducing the level of transactions in January, they said.

Although it was not clear to what extent the trade figures were affected by Germany's five-day dock strike at the end of January, the sources said they thought the strike, which ended Jan. 30, probably had little impact as the stoppage was right at the end of the month. The strike is more likely, it is thought, to affect the February figures, which will be announced next month, they said.

**Capital Spending By Britain Rose 6.3% Last Year**

LONDON, Feb. 24 (AP-DJ)—British capital spending in 1977, including investment in manufacturing, service and distributive industries and shipping, rose 6.3 per cent to \$40.78 billion from \$38.36 billion in 1976, when investment was at its lowest levels of the decade, the Department of Industry said yesterday.

The department said investment in the manufacturing sector alone totaled \$17.61 billion, up 6.1 per cent from \$16.59 billion in 1976.

Despite the rise, capital spending last year was below expectations. The department earlier had forecast manufacturing investment would be up by as much as 20 per cent from a year earlier. But these predictions were scaled down in October to a 6-to-10-per-cent total increase in investment in the manufacturing sector.

The department currently is forecasting a 10-to-13-per-cent rise in manufacturing capital expenditure for this year. Spending figures are seasonally adjusted and based on 1970 prices.

## As Dollar Grows Weaker

### Aliens on Spending Spree in U.S.

By Ernest Conine

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 24.—It would be silly to proclaim that foreigners are buying up America. But the falling dollar, a weak stock market and a growing dependence on Arab oil are combining to create a situation that bears watching.

Arabs, Europeans, Canadians, Japanese and assorted Latin Americans are buying houses, apartments, office buildings, shopping malls and farmland all over America—but especially in California, Texas and Florida.

No one knows for sure how much American real estate is coming under foreign ownership, because many transactions are carried out through third parties. However, European publications, citing American sources, report that one-quarter of all farmland sales in the United States these days involve foreign buyers.

The West German magazine Der Stern estimates that Germans have bought more than 44,000 square miles of foreign real estate recently, most of it in America. That total would about equal the eastern provinces that Germany lost as a result of World War II.

Meanwhile, foreign ownership of American industry is soaring, too. Again, no one knows the exact extent of the invasion, but the Conference Board reports that a record 274 U.S. manufacturing firms passed title to foreign, mostly European, hands in 1977 alone. Many of the acquired companies were relatively small; others were not—they included such substantial enterprises as Miles Laboratories and National Starch & Chemical Corp., which went for \$482 million.

The oil-rich Arabs are putting most of their billions into bank deposits, U.S. Treasury cer-

tificates and European real estate. But the tip of what could become a large iceberg is visible in the purchase of Bert Lance's bank stock by a Saudi Arabian financier, and the reported move by a group of Middle East investors to buy controlling interest in a holding company that controls banks in four states and the District of Columbia.

The prevailing view in government and financial circles is that there is nothing to get excited about, and that the inflow of foreign investment capital is advantageous to the United States. It offsets, in part, the drain on the U.S. balance of payments brought about by purchases of Middle Eastern oil. By providing a source of capital for the expansion of U.S. industry, it helps create jobs and prosperity.

Besides, foreign investments in the United States are far lower than American holdings in other lands—a fact that leaves the United States poorly situated to complain.

Part of the reason for the spending spree is that the United States constitutes a huge market, and foreign businessmen naturally want to get in on it. Also, wealthy Frenchmen and Italians are frightened by the specter of Communist participation in their governments, and look on the United States as a relatively safe haven for their money.

In the case of the Europeans and Japanese, investment in the United States has become especially attractive because of the falling value of the dollar relative to other currencies. Because they in effect are using dollars that they acquired at a discount, they are able to buy up valuable assets in America at bargain-basement prices.

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## Currency Futures Trade Rises Sharply

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP-DJ)—Volume in foreign currency futures is running sharply higher than year-earlier levels, raising the prospect that 1978 volume will eclipse the record levels of last year.

Among currency futures traders, opinions vary widely on which currencies will be the most active and whether they will gain or lose value. But it is just this uncertainty that seems likely to produce another record year for the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's International Monetary Market and bring big money to the commodity firms whose customers trade currency futures there, specialists say.

"Volatility equals volume—that's a fact of life in this business," says Jerry Wetherling, president of Melamed, Wetherling & Fawcett Inc., a firm that specializes in institutional users of such

financial futures markets as currencies.

Volatility, active markets tend to attract professional commodities traders because these markets present more opportunities to make money, specialists say. At the same time, companies become more interested in hedging against the currency risks of foreign business because those risks rise in volatile markets, the specialists add.

In recent months, the magnet drawing traders to currency futures has been the weak dollar, which has sunk to record lows against European currencies. "If traders go out of the dollar, they buy everything else," says Sherman Kline, a partner in CME Commodities Inc., who specializes in currency futures.

This year, traders have been buying Swiss francs, British pounds, West German marks and yen, to name the four most active currencies being traded on the international monetary market.

So far, more than four times as many Swiss franc futures contracts have changed hands as in the 1977 period, five times as many pound futures, 30 times as many yen futures and 22 per cent more mark futures. The other currencies traded on the exchange are the Canadian dollar, the Mexican peso, the Dutch guilder and the French franc.

All this makes for crowded activity in the four-foot-wide strip of the Mercantile Exchange's floor that constitutes the money market. Traders have to squeeze between a row of telephone booths and a wall to do business.

But they are prepared to pay increasing sums for the privilege of doing so. Yesterday a seat on the Monetary Market changed hands for \$72,500, up 46 per cent from the \$49,000 paid for a seat a year earlier. Futures in gold and U.S. Treasury bills also are traded on the market and increased interest in these commodities also is reflected in the seat prices.

As trading volume rises, interest among companies in risk-hedging possibilities of currency futures also is rising because volume guarantees that larger orders will not disrupt the market.

## Japan Aide Criticizes EEC, Cites a Lack of Enterprise

TOKYO, Feb. 24.—Kunichi Miyasawa, director of Japan's Economic Planning Agency, today compared the members of the European Common Market, except for West Germany, to a "Kyoto confederation"—a Japanese expression referring to the small shopkeepers of Japan's old capital who make no effort to sell their cake and candy products but rather sit quietly in their shops waiting for customers to come to them.

Mr. Miyasawa also reiterated many of the criticisms of the European Commission made by Nobuhiko Ushiba, minister for external economic affairs, in a speech here on Feb. 8. Mr. Miyasawa, like Mr. Ushiba, noted that the Commission demanded on Feb. 7 that Japan come up with a "package" of trade concessions by late March, based on the agreement hammered out Jan. 19 between the United States and Japan. But, Mr. Miyasawa said, "Japan's relations with the United States are different than Japan's relations with the European Commission. The ways of comprehending problems are also different."

Like Mr. Ushiba, Mr. Miyasawa criticized the nature of the European Commission as a negotiating body. "The EEC gets its authority from the nine member countries of the Common Market but in the background are the demands of all nine countries—among which some are important to each of the countries," he said.

Mr. Miyasawa then said that "in general" the Europeans, except for West Germany, "have the disposition of a Kyoto confederation. When a problem occurs, it may be fine to speak out loudly in a businesslike way like the United States does, but that isn't going to solve the problem quickly (for Europe). The problem started some time ago but it must be solved gradually."

He said Japan has sent "countless" buying missions to Europe in an attempt to reduce its trade surplus with the Common Market countries, which last year reached \$5 billion, but Mr. Miyasawa said the missions had discovered that Europe produced few products that Japan wanted to buy. Mr. Miyasawa, like Mr. Ushiba, indicated that Japan was unlikely to meet the Europeans' demand for a trade "package" before April.

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**W. German Failures Up**

WIESBADEN, Feb. 24 (UPI)—A total of 9,562 West German commercial concerns with liabilities valued at \$5.6 billion deutsche marks went bankrupt in 1977, up 2.1 per cent from a year earlier, the Federal Statistical Office said today.

Arbed previously has said it will use newly issued shares as partial payment to acquire the outstanding half-interest in Roehling-Burbach GmbH from the Roehling family and Neunkircher Stahlwerke AG from the West German firms of Otto Wolff AG and Nabenast GmbH.

## Stock Prices Advance On Coal Strike Rumor

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (DHT)—Hopes for a settlement in the U.S. coal strike spurred a brisk stock market rally in heavy trading today.

Support also came from an unexpected decline in U.S. money supply, announced late yesterday, and official foreign exchange market intervention to prop up the dollar.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 5.29 points at 156.24. It was up 1 point at its high for the day, and up 5.89, at 3 p.m.

Some 1,010 issues gained with 404 lower. Volume totaled 22.51 million shares compared with 18.72 million yesterday.

Late in the session, the White House announced that President Carter would go on television this evening to say that he will force an end to the strike. Mr. Carter reportedly was considering three options—arbitration, a Taft-Hartley injunction or nationalization of the coal mines.

The standout gainer on the Big Board was Boeing, rising 2 points to 33 1/4. The company said in a statement it knows of no reason to account for the stock's rise and activity.

Bally Manufacturing, another big riser in percentage terms, picked up 1 5/8 to 17 1/2. The company said it filed for a New Jersey casino license.

Among other active, Chrysler fell 3/8 to 11. The company said it borrowed about \$156 million this year to help cover extra costs caused by weather-related production problems. Yesterday, Chrysler said it lost money in the fourth quarter and expects another current quarter deficit.

General Motors rose 1/2 to 38 3/8 and Ford Motor rose 1/4 to 42 1/4. Ford and GM yesterday reported higher mid-February car sales, which analysts were another encouraging market factor.

Bauch & Lomb, a big loser yesterday following announcement that merger talks with Revlon had been terminated, picked up 5/8 to 45 3/8. Union Oil of California rose 1 3/8 to 49 3/8 and Cities Service advanced 7/8 to 47 1/2. Revlon gained 3/4 to 41 3/8.

Among other gainers, Burroughs rose 1 1/4 to 61 3/4, IBM 1 1/8 to 256 5/8, Disney 1 to 34 and Du Pont 1/4 to 101 1/2.

**Money Supply Growth Dips For 2d Week**

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (NYT)—Surprising the money market for the second consecutive week, The Federal Reserve yesterday reported a substantial decline in the nation's money supply.

The M-1 basic money supply, consisting of money on deposit in checking accounts plus currency in circulation, fell \$1.2 billion to a seasonally-adjusted average of \$336.1 billion in the latest reporting period. The broader, M-2 money supply dropped \$1.1 billion to \$813.8 billion.

With the latest weekly declines, both M-1 and M-2 showed slightly slower annual growth rates, and this deceleration prompted the credit markets to conclude that the Fed was unlikely to encourage higher short-term interest rates in the near term.

Although predicting changes in the money supply figures is a highly chancy effort, analysts were particularly wide of the mark for the last two weeks. They had predicted a \$1-billion rise in M-1 for the latest week and last week were expecting a \$3-billion to \$5-billion rise instead of the \$1.4-billion revised increase reported by the Fed.

This two-week weakness in money supply growth, some analysts are beginning to suspect, may reflect not only the weather but also recent weakness in the nation's economy caused by the coal strike, slow car sales and weak housing starts.

As a result, analysts conclude, the Fed is unlikely to help push short-term interest rates any higher just now. Despite the nervousness in the money market this week, the federal funds rate averaged 6.78 per cent, up only slightly from its 6.75-per-cent level last week. In early January, the Fed decided to aim for a weekly average funds rate of 6.75 per cent, and the rate has stayed close to that level for six weeks. Last week, however, there was some conjecture that the Fed was laying the groundwork to move this rate to 7 per cent. But the central bank's actions in the money market and yesterday's figures appeared to put an end to that line of reasoning.

**2 French Firms Post Profit Gains**

PARIS, Feb. 24 (AP-DJ)—Cie. Generale d'Electricite posted net earnings for 1977 of 137.9 million francs (\$20.7 million), up from 115.3 million in 1976, the company said today.

COE plans a 21-franc net dividend, up from 18 francs.

In another report, Cie. Financiere de Paris et des Pays-Bas said group net profit for 1977 totaled 514 million francs, up from 438 million francs in 1976.

**Asahi Glass Earnings**

TOKYO, Feb. 24 (Reuters)—Asahi Glass Co. said today net income was 9.76 billion yen (\$41 million) last year, up from 9.2 billion yen the previous year.

Sales were 311.4 billion yen, up from 292.06 billion yen.

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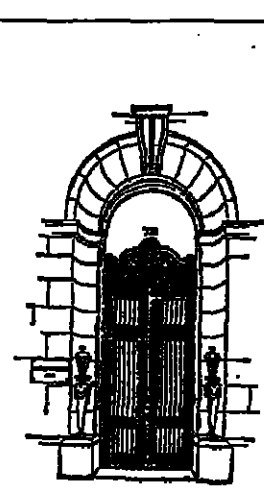
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## Fears It Will Be Forced to Withdraw

## S. Africa Eyes Davis Cup Pullout

PRETORIA, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—South Africa will probably have to withdraw from next year's Davis Cup competition, South African Tennis Union president Brian Franklin said last night.

Speaking in a television interview, Franklin said reports that South Africa had already decided to withdraw were entirely wrong. But he envisaged the possibility of international pressure against South Africa's participation reaching such heights that this country would be virtually forced to pull out.

"It would be foolish to be unrealistic about current events," he said.

"If 10 or 11 or even 12 nations get up at the International Lawn Tennis Federation's July meeting at Stockholm, one of them may say they will not be able to enter the North American Zone if South Africa enters, then our position becomes impossible, it becomes absurd."

**Probably No Option**

"I think we will have probably no option, at that stage, but to withdraw, but under protest, because it will mean the whole of the Davis Cup is being dominated by politics."

Franklin said the matter will be discussed at a meeting of the SATU next month, but it is possible that no decision will be made before the International Federation's July meeting.

Meanwhile, he said, South Africa has no intention of withdrawing from this year's competition, in which it is due to meet the United States in Nashville, Tenn.

## Rival Promoters Offer Spinks Defenses Against Ali, Norton

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (AP).—Promoter Don King has offered new heavyweight champion Leon Spinks \$5 million to defend his title against Ken Norton in May or June, a spokesman for King said yesterday.

The spokesman said King has been negotiating with Norton for the last two weeks.

King said that Spinks had agreed, along with deposed champion Muhammad Ali, that he would defend his title against Norton by July 7 or be stripped of the title by the World Boxing Council.

Bob Arum, a promotional rival of King, denied on the night of Feb. 16, when Spinks beat Ali, that Spinks had agreed to anything. Spinks is leaving all out-fighting fighting to Arum and is own attorney.

**Promotional Rights**

Arum has promotional rights to Spinks' next three fights and an option for three more after that.

The King spokesman said Arum was scheduled to meet next week with Bob Biron, Norton's manager.

The biggest money fight on the horizon for Spinks, of course, would be a rematch with Ali. Should the WBC strip Spinks, he would have two heavy-weight champions if the World Boxing Association continued to recognize Spinks. The WBC and WBA have managed to split out divisions, with only the heavyweight, middleweight and lightweight classes currently having single champions.

**Offer for Ali**

HONOLULU, Feb. 24 (AP).—Muhammad Ali will be given a match with Leon Spinks if he wants it, Arum says.

"It's wrong for Ali to fight anyone, but it's going to be impossible to keep him out of the ring," said Arum, president of Top Rank Inc., which promoted the Ali-Spinks title match at Las Vegas last week.

"I feel an obligation to give Ali another shot in the ring against Spinks," said Arum. "If he's going to come back, we'll have a shot at Spinks, and we'll have a shot at Spinks."

**Scots Beat Bulgarians**

GLASGOW, Feb. 24 (UPI).—Scotland came from behind to edge Bulgaria, 2-1, in a friendly soccer match here.

## Fla. Golf Led By Long Shot

LAUDERHILL, Fla., Feb. 24 (AP).—Grier Jones, holding a 34-yard five-hole lead, won a 5-under-par 67 yesterday to take a 2-stroke lead in the opening round of the \$25,000 Grier Jones Invitational Classic, which was played in chilly and windy weather.

In addition to this 3 on the 34-yard, par-4 fifth hole, Grier, 1, fired six birdies but had three bogeys over the 7,127-yard, par-2 Invitational Country Club course. It played longer in the unusual south Florida weather.

"It was the best playing round I had in a long time," said Jones, 10-year tour veteran who was 14th among the money winners in 1977, with \$80,021. "Until the last two holes, I made all the short putts I had. It was one of those days where I drove well, putted good and got some real good breaks."

Jones held a 2-stroke lead over group of eight—Fuzzy Zoeller, Bob Shearer, Denny Edwards, Ken Bean, Kermit Zarley, Hale W. Gibby Gilbert and Steve Sneyk, all of whom carded 68.

next month in the final of the American Zone North section.

Franklin's statement on South Africa's Davis Cup future followed speculation in the press here that SATU had already decided on withdrawal.

The impact of apartheid on South African tennis has been in the news following the 10-day visit by an ILTF fact-finding delegation.

**Merger Discussion**

The delegation brought together for merger talks the mainly white SATU, the South African Lawn Tennis Union (SALTU), which mainly represents Asian and colored (mixed race) players, and the South African National Lawn Tennis Union, largely representing black players.

Conditions set out by the two governing bodies included a break by SATU from the ILTF, the governing world body; dismantling of the sports administrative structure in South Africa, with representatives of the groups meeting to discuss the formation of one overall governing body, and a temporary ban on South African players taking part in overseas tournaments.

Franklin said after the meeting that he did not expect SATU to agree to these conditions.

The ILTF delegation will produce a report on its visit and will present it to the federation's Management Committee. The report will remain confidential until submitted to the committee in April.

**Colored Youth's View**

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (UPI).—Peter Lamb, 18, the Vanderbilt

that should be in May or June," said Arum. He said the rematch might be held in Iran or the Philippines.

If Ali doesn't want an immediate rematch, Arum said he would match Spinks with one of the top 10 contenders in May or June, but not with top contender Ken Norton until next fall.

**'Elimination' Best**

NEW YORK, Feb. 24 (NYT).—A week after the dethroning of Ali, boxing has returned to normal with an announcement that Earnie Shavers will fight Larry Holmes.

Don King, the promoter, who once managed both Shavers and Holmes, said at a news conference that the March 25 bout was an "elimination" for a shot at the title "one of these days."

"All of the top guys would like to fight Spinks—Norton, Young, me," said Shavers, who lost a close decision to Ali last Sept. 29 at Madison Square Garden here.

"I'd be champion if we did. If I get a shot at Spinks, I will take him out of the ring. He comes to you and—PAMI!"

For now, the 33-year-old puncher with 53 knockouts among his 54 victories will have to content himself with a payday of about \$300,000 for the 12-round fight against Holmes, at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, a bout that ABC will televise nationally.

Holmes, a 32-year-old former Shavers and Ali sparring partner who is undefeated in 36 fights, will earn about \$200,000 for his biggest payday and a chance to prove "I'm the baddest heavyweight there is today."

Last year, after an almost nine-month layoff because of a broken hand, Holmes defeated in order Tom Prater, Horace Robinson, Young Serrano and Don Aronson.

He is ranked fourth by the WBC and WBA and third by Ring magazine. Shavers, who has six losses and one draw in a professional career dating to 1969, is rated No. 3 by the WBC, No. 6 by Ring and No. 7 by the WBA.

**NHL Results**

Thursday's Games

N.Y. Rangers 6, Chicago 2 (Rickey 3, Gosselin 2, Matheson 1, Mikita, Boldirev).

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 0 (Gore 2, Perreault 2, Davidson 1, Shutt 2, Tremblay 1).

Detroit 4, Washington 1 (Folowich 2, Wood, McCarty, Girard).

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WINNING WINNER—Grier Jones of Wichita, Kan., appears to suffer as one shot goes astray in the fourth.

## Richards' Example Followed by Boys' Tennis Aces

DETROIT, Feb. 24 (UPI).—Seventh-seeded Dianne Fromholz dropped Renee Richards, 6-3, 6-4, yesterday in the second round of the \$100,000 Women's Professional Tennis tournament here and later renewed her charge that the transsexual is bad for the game.

"It's not that, the girls don't like her," Fromholz said. "She's quite nice."

"But a few junior boys—top players—are changing themselves. We have to protect our interests. They could dominate the tour."

"If one (transsexual) comes on (the tour), then more could," the 21-year-old Australian said.

Richards after learning of Fromholz's statements to the news media that she is "on trial" everywhere she plays but she denied that the majority of the touring women pros are alienated against her.

"I'm very nervous, very uptight," the 43-year-old, 6-foot-1 left-hander said. "You can imagine the additional pressures that are on me."

"I'm more or less on trial in every city we play. Who has ever done that before? Most of the time a person is on trial just once for something. I thought it would be over before the court order (saying she could play), but it's not."

The transsexual has been beaten in the first round of four tour events and ousted in the second round of the two others she has played in. But she said she still feels she is only a year—maybe less—from her goal of being No. 1.

## To Add 'Flare' to Hurricane

## Houston Gets Celtic's Lennox, 3 Other U.K. Soccer Players

HOUSTON, Feb. 24 (UPI).—The Houston Hurricane of the North American Soccer League have announced the signing of four British players, including Celtic football club star Bobby Lennox.

Also contracted to play in the upcoming season were Scots John Dowie and Ian Anderson and England's Stewart James.

Hurricane coach Timo Likiokki said he acquired the players during a two-week tour of Britain.

"British players are always hard-working players," Likiokki said. "We are still looking at some Continental players to give us the flare for the game."

Lennox, 34, helped Glasgow's Celtic football club win nine Scottish championships in 17 seasons. He will be playing in the NASL for the first time.

"Bobby is the player who will provide leadership to our club," Likiokki said.

The Hurricane now lists 19 contracted players, eight of whom are Americans. Likiokki said the team would have 17 rostered players and "eight or nine Americans we will keep for training" when the NASL season opens April 8.

The latest players signed were not lent to the Hurricane from British clubs, according to Hurricane general manager Hans Von Mende.

"The trick is finding the good [foreign] players on a budget the expansion teams can afford," Von Mende said. "In the past the preferred way of doing it was getting a player on loan and only picking up his salary while he was here. But the problem there is the team varies from year to year. That is not what we want."

**Qualifying Race Set In Monte Carlo Prix**

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 24 (AP).—A down-capturing Grand Prix drivers will have a one-hour chance May 4 to try to qualify for official practice for the Monaco Grand Prix May 7.

Automobilists asked for the street circuit allow only 24 cars to try to qualify for the 20 starting spots, but the organizers expect 34 entries.

**Cruyff Shunning 'Cup' Because of His Wife**

MADRID, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—Dutch soccer ace Johan Cruyff was quoted today as saying that he decided not to take part in this year's World Cup finals in

Book," because of his frequent use of racist epithets.

Anderson expressed confidence in his regular lineup, which includes four players who already have won the Most Valuable Player award.

Center-fielder Cesar Geronimo will improve on his 268 batting average, according to Anderson, who also predicted a "big year" for right-fielder Ken Griffey.

"The thing I'm looking for from Griffey is a lot more stolen bases," said Anderson. "He's got to run and take advantage of his great speed. He had a bad leg last year, but he's running this year."

Griffey, who hit .318, had 17 stolen bases last season.

**WHIA Result**

Thursday's Game

Birmingham 3, Quebec 3 (Anderson 1, Wagner, Casselotto, Lussan, Gorman; Cloutier 2, Miller).

**College Basketball**

East

Boston 80, Maine 74.  
 Princeton 85, Wake Forest 51.  
 Trinity 77, Coast Guard 68.  
 UNH 73, Mass. 60.  
 WPI 69, MIT 64.

South

Louisville 104, Ball St. 98.  
 Southern 82, Prairie View 80.

Midwest

Indiana 82, Wisconsin 54.  
 Illinois 80, Illinois St. 51.  
 Ohio St. 94, Minn. 87 (71).  
 Purdue 82, Iowa 56.  
 St. Louis 82, Memphis 80.  
 St. J. 82, Bradley 82.

West

Bright 77, Texas-Hill 54.  
 U. of Idaho 82, Idaho St. 51.  
 Oregon St. 82, Calif. 41.  
 San Fran. St. 82, Mary's-Cal. 81.  
 Stanford 82, Wash. St. 51.  
 UCLA 82, Oregon St. 55.  
 Utah 82, New Mexico 82.

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**Club Exonerated In Player Death**

PERUGIA, Italy, Feb. 24 (UPI).—Perugia soccer player Renato Curti, who collapsed and died during a game versus Juventus on Oct. 30, was so sick that he might have died even if he had retired from sports, court-appointed doctors said today.

The doctors said an autopsy showed a ruptured aorta had seriously weakened the 24-year-old player's heart during his adolescence.

The district attorney's office ordered the autopsy to determine if there was any negligence by sports authorities in allowing Curti to play.

**Embarrassed Over Flop Last Season**

Anderson Sees Shame as Spur for Reds

CINCINNATI, Feb. 24 (AP).—This year's Cincinnati Reds will be a team motivated by embarrassment, according to their manager, Sparky Anderson.

"A lot of guys sat in front of their TV sets and watched the World Series last fall when they knew in their hearts they should be playing in it. It was where everybody expected us to be after winning world championships in 1975 and 1976. But we were on the outside looking in," Anderson said in his pressroom look at his baseball team.

The Reds slipped far back in the early part of last season and finished 10 games back of Los

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## Grid Backers Planning New U.S. League

## Summer Play Eyed; Teams for 40 Cities

SERREVEPORT, La., Feb. 24 (AP).—A group of football promoters plans to form a professional league in which teams from 40 cities around the United States would compete on Saturday nights in the summer.

Harry Lander of San Antonio, Texas, a former official of the now-defunct World Football League, said the promoters hope to have the new organization ready to play by next summer.

He noted that by playing in the summertime, the American Football Association would not be competing with the solidly established National Football League, and thus would have better chances of fan support and survival. All but a few of the cities are large or medium size and do not now have professional football.

Lander heads a group of Southern participants in the formation of the league, which also would have Eastern, Midwestern and Western divisions. The Southern Division, he said, may include teams from San Antonio, Austin and Houston in Texas; Shreveport, Jackson, Miss.; Oklahoma City; Little Rock, Ark.; Memphis and Birmingham, Ala. "We'll be able to formalize things here by March," Lander said of the Southern promoters' progress after they met here.

He did not disclose details of the meetings, but said that the association's organizers are keeping in mind the money troubles of the World Football League, which collapsed midway through its second season, in 1974.

"We made the mistake last time of trying to think too big too quickly," Lander said. "Hopefully, we'll have better financial control over our franchises this time."

Lander said the new league will not try to compete with the NFL. "We'll be looking for the finest young college athletes who are not in the NFL," he said.

He said the association hopes to have a 14-game regular season that would begin June 3 and end Sept. 6. Playoffs among the four divisions would lead to a championship game.

**NBA Standings**

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Philadelphia 41 19 718 11 2  
 New York 39 20 717 11 2  
 Boston 37 22 710 11 2  
 Buffalo 35 24 700 11 2  
 New Jersey 33 26 690 11 2

Central Division

San Antonio 35 22 631 11 2  
 Washington 33 24 628 11 2  
 Cleveland 31 26 620 11 2  
 Atlanta 29 28 610 11 2  
 New Orleans 27 30 600 11 2  
 Houston 25 32 590 11 2

WESTERN DIVISION

Midwest Division

Denver 41 19 718 11 2  
 Chicago 39 21 710 11 2  
 Milwaukee 37 23 700 11 2  
 Detroit 35 25 690 11 2  
 Kansas City 33 27 680 11 2  
 Indiana 31 29 670 11 2

Pacific Division

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 Phoenix 39 21 710 11 2  
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TRAINING MISHAP—Jeff Davis of the U.S. team begins a falling descent in ski-jumping practice at Lahti on Friday. He was hurt but later rejoined his team.

## Russian Favorites Upset Finland Leads in Medal Total At Nordic Ski Championships

LAHTI, Finland, Feb. 24 (Reuters).—Host nation Finland, whose performance here has exceeded all expectations, will be bidding for an overall medal victory at the World Nordic Ski Championships that end here on Sunday.

With only three events still undecided, the Finns have won two gold, three silver and three bronze medals, only one bronze less than the Soviet Union.

It was forecast that the Russians would make a clean sweep in the skiing events.

But their cross-country prowess, after initial double victories in the women's 10 kilometers and the men's 30 kilometers last weekend, suffered a bad knock in the women's five kilometers on Monday.

Helena Takalo, a small, blonde Finnish housewife, was in superb form beating the top Russian women, with teammate Hilka Ritiharvi taking the silver.

This upset was followed the next day by 24-year-old Josef Lusscek of Poland's victory in the 15-kilometer race, several seconds ahead of Soviet favorite Yevgeny Beyerayev.

Lusscek is the favorite for the final 50-kilometer race on Sunday, but he can expect an all-out Soviet drive for revenge.

Tomorrow's events are the women's 20 kilometers, making its last appearance as an official world championship competition, and the 90-kilometer relay.

The Finnish women's team, encouraged by its chain of victories and spurred on by cheering supporters, could easily gain another gold while the East Germans are undisputed favorites for the 90-meters ski jump.

Mathias Ruse and Henry Glass gave East Germany first and second places on the 70-meter hill last Saturday, and East Germany captured four of the top five places in the combined ski jumping and cross-country event, including the gold.

With Austrian 90-meters Olympic champion Karl Schnabl out of the competition, after breaking an ankle in practice yesterday, East Germany appears invincible.

Alois Lipburger could win Austria's first medal after making a practice jump of 113 meters yesterday. This was the second longest, behind East Germany's Falko Weissflog.

**Thoeni Tax \$440,000**

On 'Amateur' Skiing

BOLZANO, Italy, Feb. 24 (AP).—Four-time World Cup winner Gustavo Thoeni has suffered another upset, this time by the tax man, after bitter defeats in international ski races this season.

"The Bolzano tax office has directed the Italian ski star to pay about 400 million lire (\$440,000) of unpaid taxes out of the incomes he received as an 'amateur' in the period 1971-1974. The skier said he has appealed the claim."

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